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AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

**FILE NUMBER: 7-576**

**SECTION : 28**



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DIRECTOR

ST PAUL MINN 6-24-34 2:25 P.M.

WASHN AND SAC CGO

JODIL AND BREKID

SAC LADD AND OTHER AGENTS MADE RAID AS PLANNED AT WISCONSIN BELLS  
WISCONSIN THIS AM NO PROFITABLE RESULTS LADD AND FOUR AGENTS  
ARE NOW PROCEEDING TO WHITEWATER AND PALMYRA SECTIONS TO AID  
AGENT BROWN IN LOCATION OF HIDEOUT

MARGARET WILLIAMS OF MADISON WISCONSIN WHOSE HOUSES WE RAIDED LAST WEEK  
PLANS TO REPORT TO THE ST PAUL OFFICE TOMORROW MONDAY TO ATTEMPT TO  
PROVE THAT SHE IS NOT IDENTICAL WITH PEARL ELLIOTT HER PHOTOS  
SOMEWHAT RESEMBLES THE ELLIOTT WOMAN SUGGEST THAT IF SOME AGENT IN  
CGO OR INDIANAPOLIS KNOWS PEARL ELLIOTT THAT HE BE REQUESTED TO PRO-  
CEED TO ST PAUL IN ORDER HE MAY VIEW THIS WOMAN WHEN SHE REPORTS HERE  
MONDAY MORNING MARGARET WILLIAMS HAS A SISTER NAMED HELEN MATELSKI  
WHO LIKEWISE RESEMBLES PEARL ELLIOTT SOMEWHAT  
CLEGG PROCEEDING TO HIBBING MINNESOTA NICHOLSON ACTING

END

CLEGG

OK WASH DC ETC

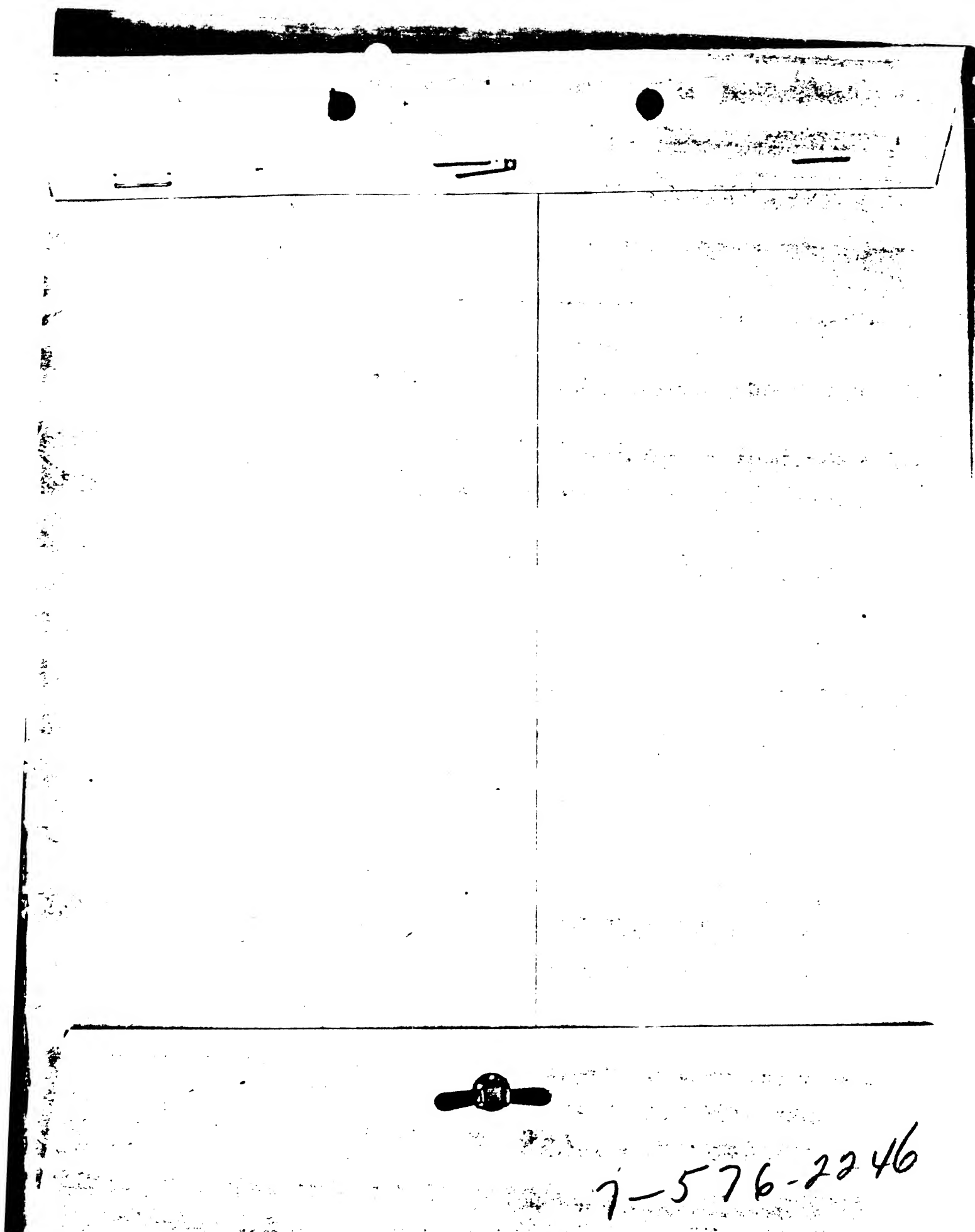
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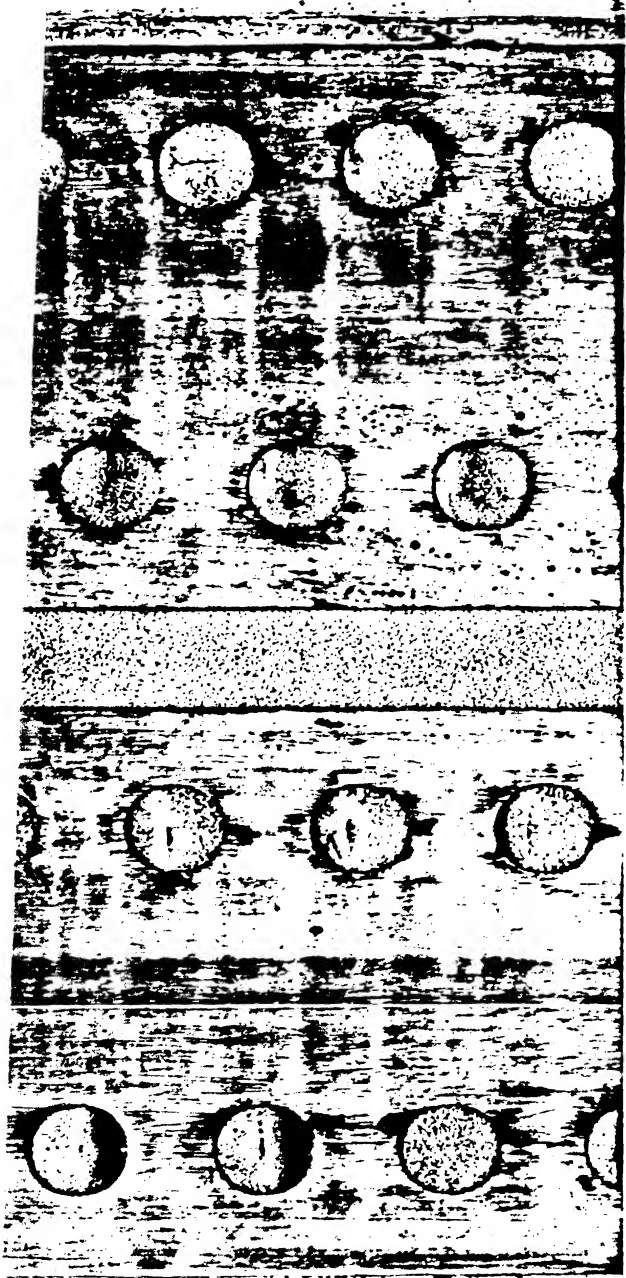
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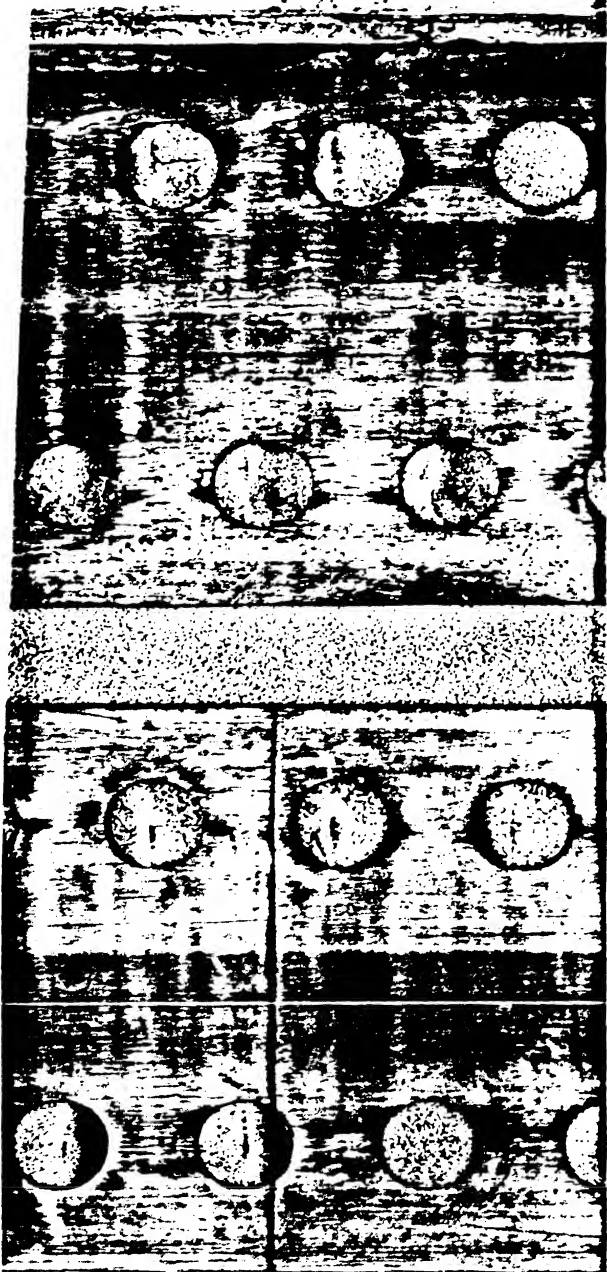




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*Brown County  
Wisconsin*



De Pere & West De Pere  
5100

1. No

2. —

3. —

4. —

5. 1 whistle blows 8am 12-4pm  
week days

6. 4 Catholic Churches bells  
toll at 7am 12-6pm daily  
Other Churches 9-10 Sunday  
only

7. E + N. W.  
E. M. S. P. P.  
very little switching

8. yes

9. No

10. yes.

Denmark

779

1. No

2. —

3. —

4. Fire siren noon - wk. da.

5. 1 whistle blows at  
7am - noon - 4pm wk. da

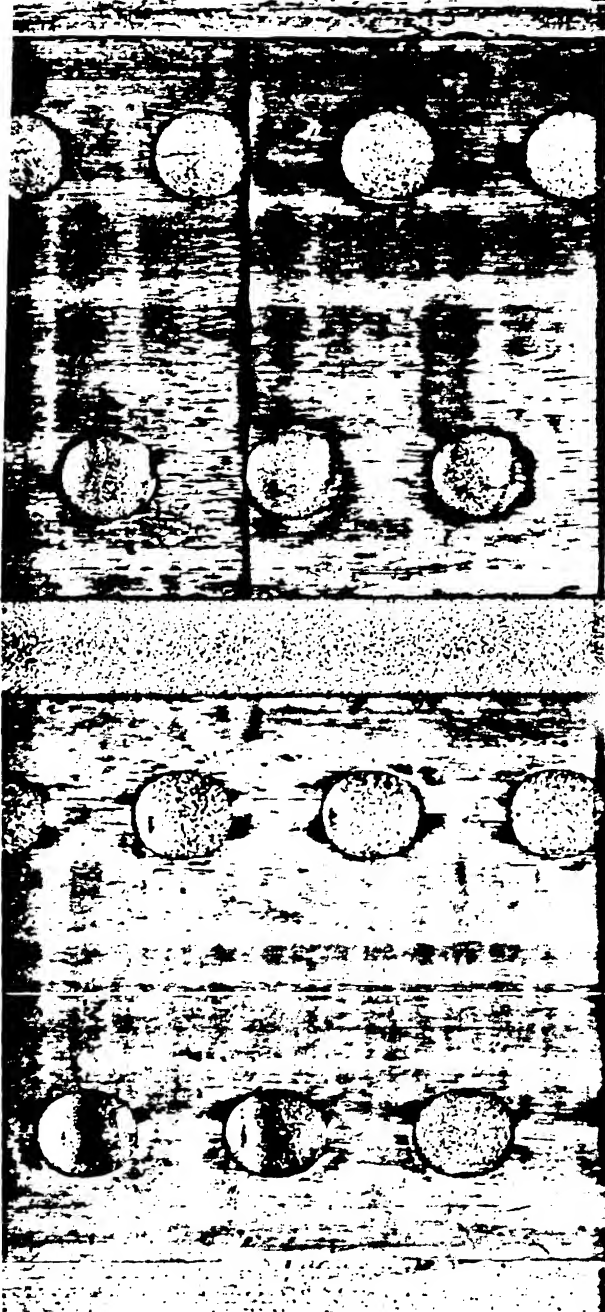
6. 1 Church - 7<sup>30</sup> am - 12 - 6 pm  
daily -  
other churches 9-12 noon  
on Sunday only

7. C + N.W. I very little with

8. Yes

9. No

10. Yes



Green Bay - 40,000

- 1 - No
- 2 - -
- 3 - -
- 4 - -

5 At least 4 whistles blow at  
6 am - 12 noon - 4 pm week days

6 - Approx 10 Catholic Churches  
talk held at 6 am 12 - 6 pm daily

7 - Other Churches - 8 - 12 am on Sunday  
St. N. W. R.R.

8 - N. W. P. Considerable switching  
- yes

9 - No

10 yes

Greenleaf

300

1. No

2. —

3. —

4. —

5. None

6. 1 Church - bell at 6pm  
Sat. & 10am Sun.

7. O. M. St. P. & P. very little  
switching

8. yes

9. No

10. Sanitary system only

New Franklin 100

1. No

2. —

3. —

4. —

5. None

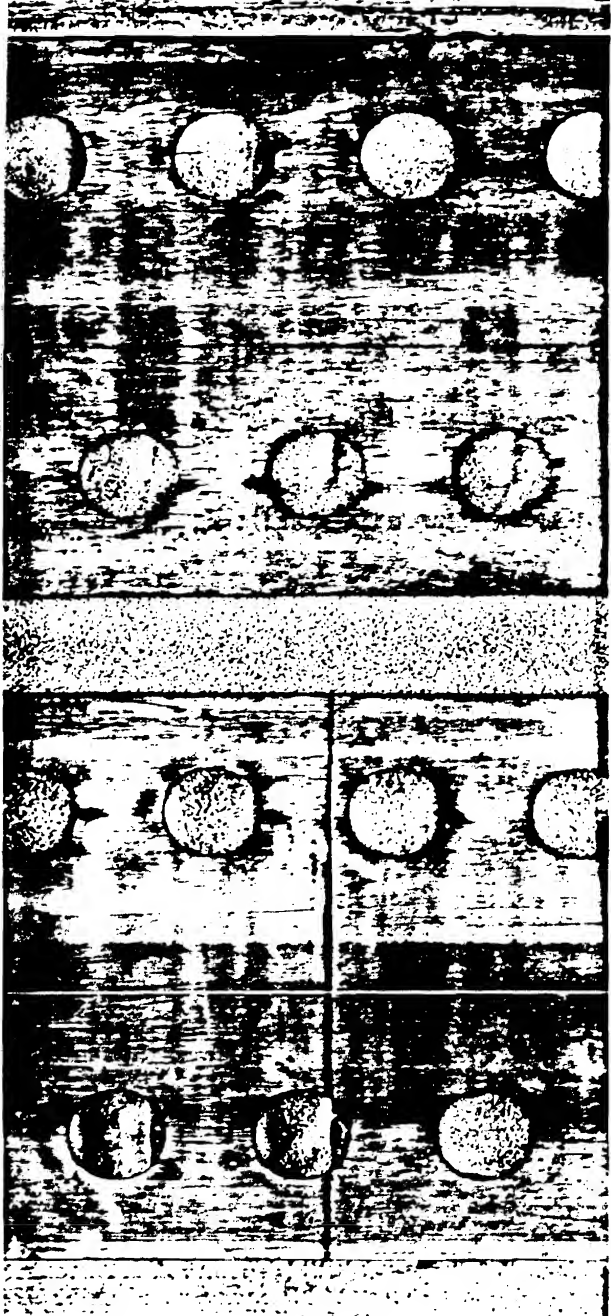
6. 1 Church, bell at  
7am, 12, 5pm daily

7. G. B. & W. R. R. very little  
switching

8. yes

9. No.

10. No.



Little Rapids 200

1. No
2. —
3. —
4. —
5. None
6. None
7. Q + H. W. - very little switching
8. Yes
9. No
10. No



Pulaski

900

1. No

2. —

3. —

4. —

5. None

6. 1 Church at noon and  
5pm daily bell tolled

7. E. & N.W. - very little  
switching

8. Yes

9. No.

10. No

Guamisco

250

1 No

2 -

3 -

4 -

5 None

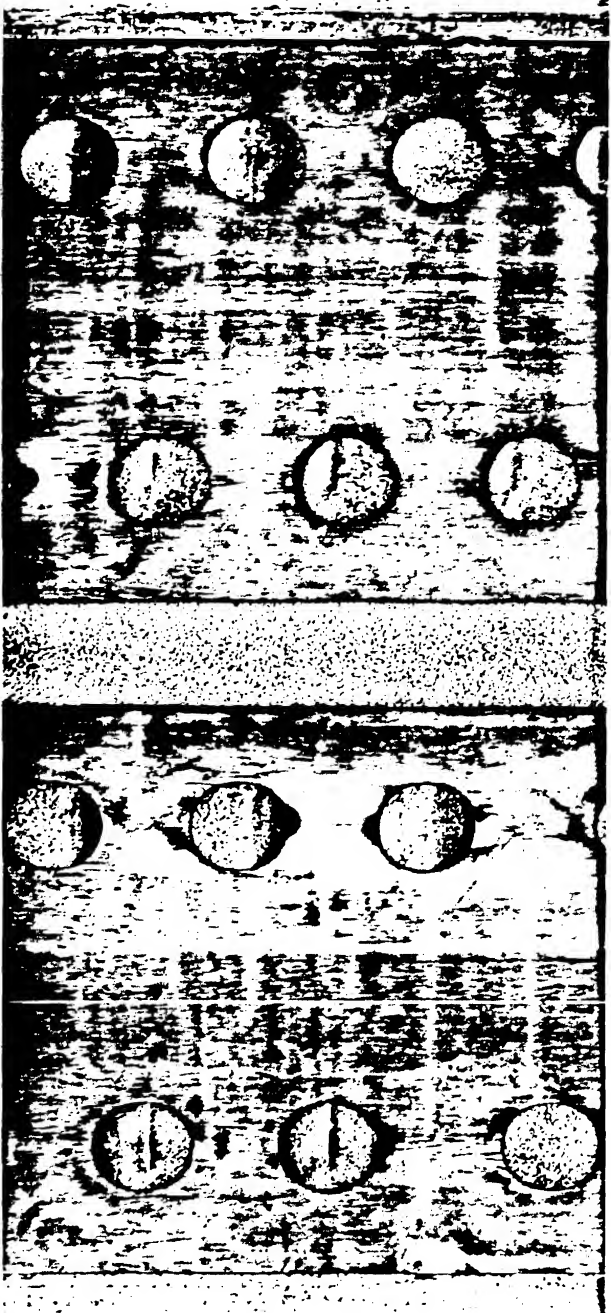
6. 1 Church - services  
every other Sunday - bell  
tollled at 7am 7<sup>30</sup> and 9<sup>00</sup> + 9<sup>30</sup> am

7. C + N.W. no switching

8. yes

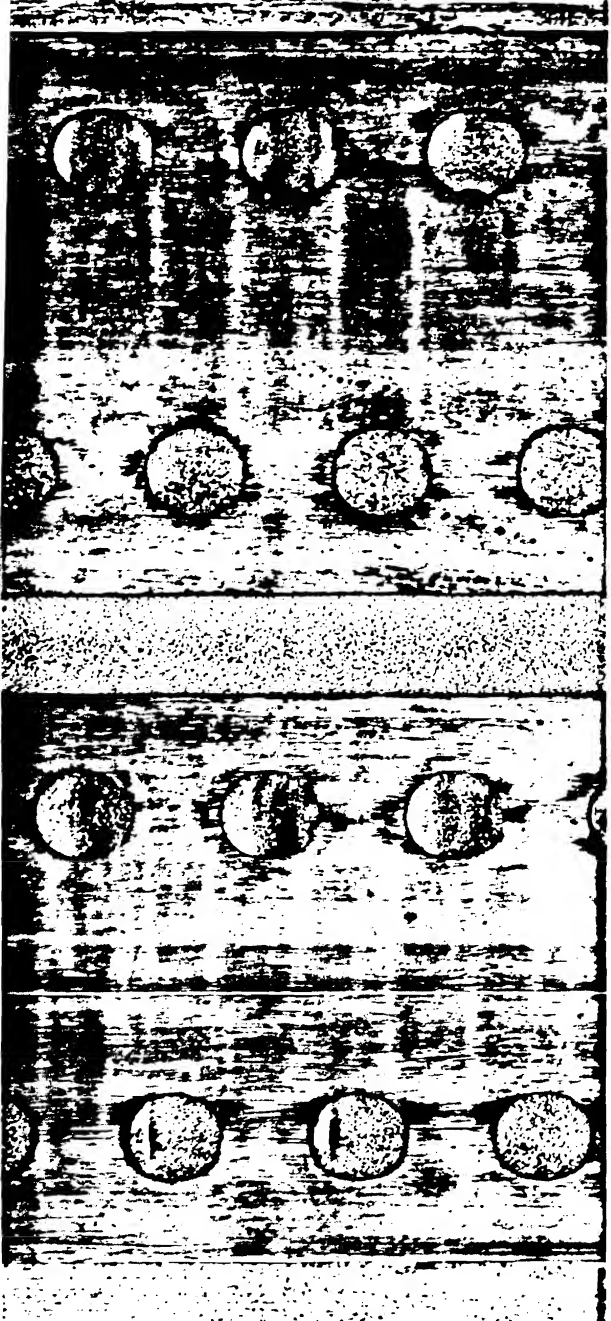
9. No

10 No.



Little Suamico 200

1. No
2. —
3. —
4. None
5. None
6. None
7. @ M. St. P. & P. no switch-  
ing.
8. yes
9. No
10. No.



Wrightstown - 600

1. No

2. -

3. -

4. -

5. fire whistle blows at  
noon weekdays

6. 1 Catholic Church 8am 12-  
5pm daily

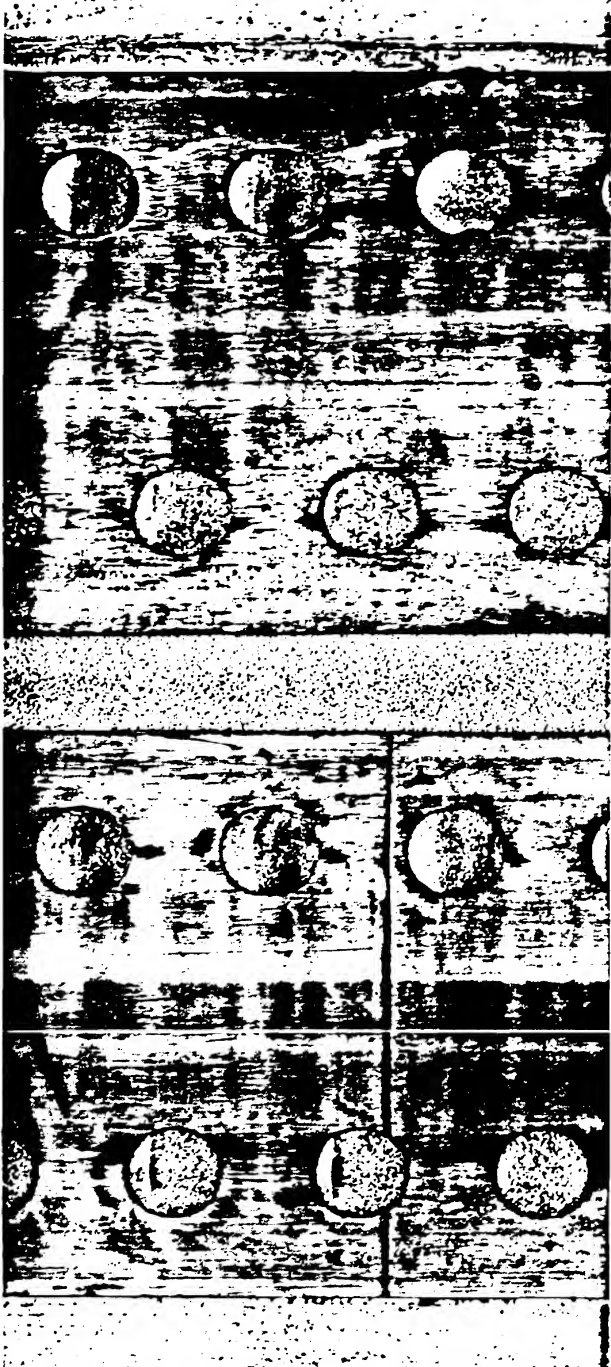
1 Other Church Sat 5pm  
and 9am - 10am Sunday

7. C & N. W. very little switch  
wig.

8. yes

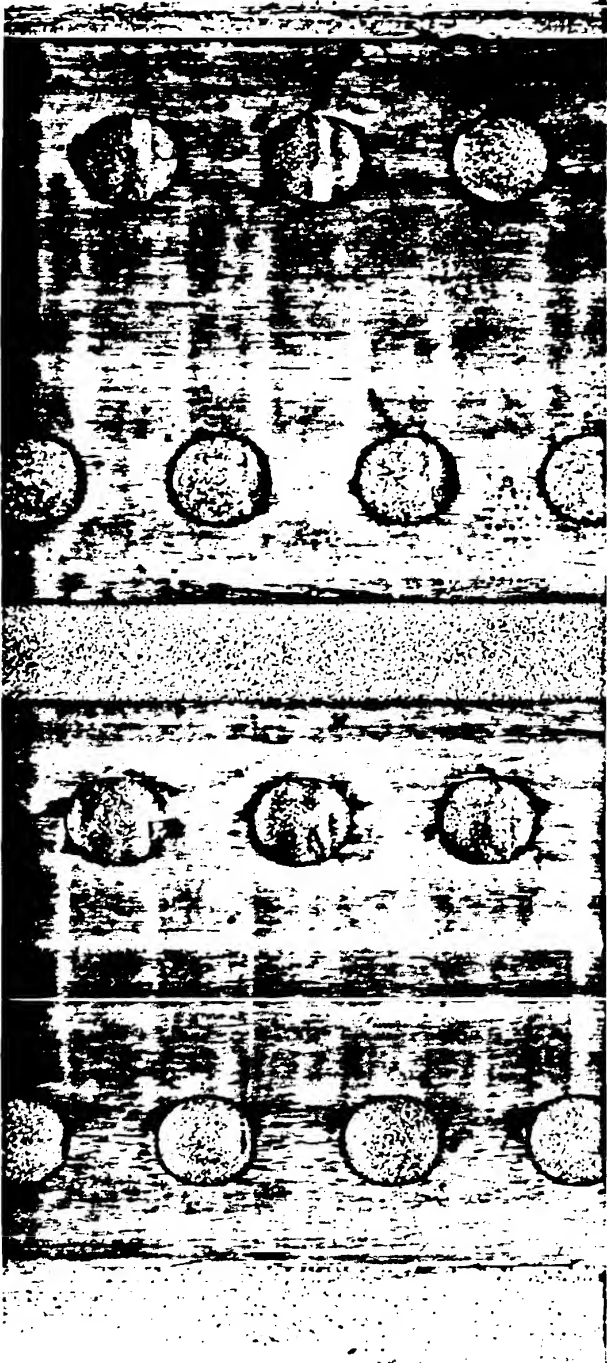
9. No.

10. No



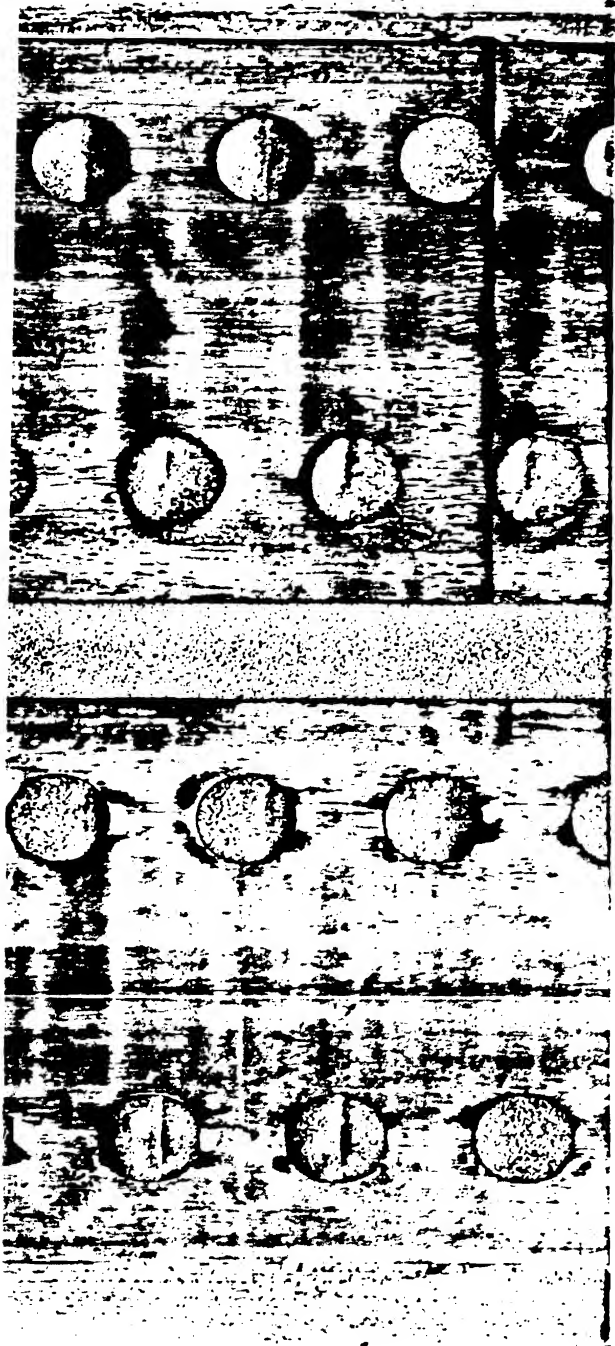
West Wrightstown  
560

1. No
2. —
3. —
4. —
5. fire whistle blows at noon on weekdays.
6. 1 Catholic Church tolls bell at noon & 5pm daily  
Other Church - 9am 11am Sunday.
7. C. & W. W - very little switching
8. yes
9. No
10. No



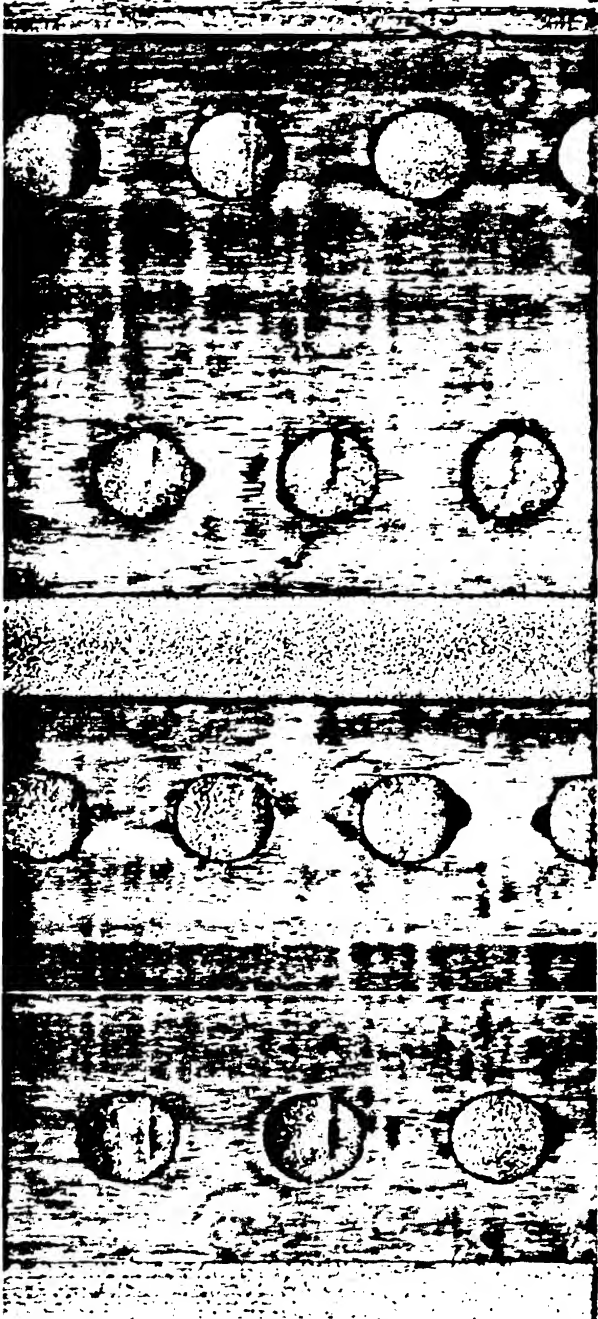
### Wayside

- 1 No
- 2 —
- 3 —
- 4 —
- 5 None
- 6 - 1 Church - bell at 6pm  
each sat. and 9am & 10am each  
Sunday
7. No Railroad
8. Yes
9. No
10. No.



Outagamie Co.  
Wisconsin





Appleton

25.200

1. No

2. —

3. —

4. —

5. Approximately 12 whistles  
blown at 7-12-12<sup>30</sup> 1-4-4<sup>30</sup> H. de.

6. No

7. C. N. W. S. S. Line, C. M. St. Paul

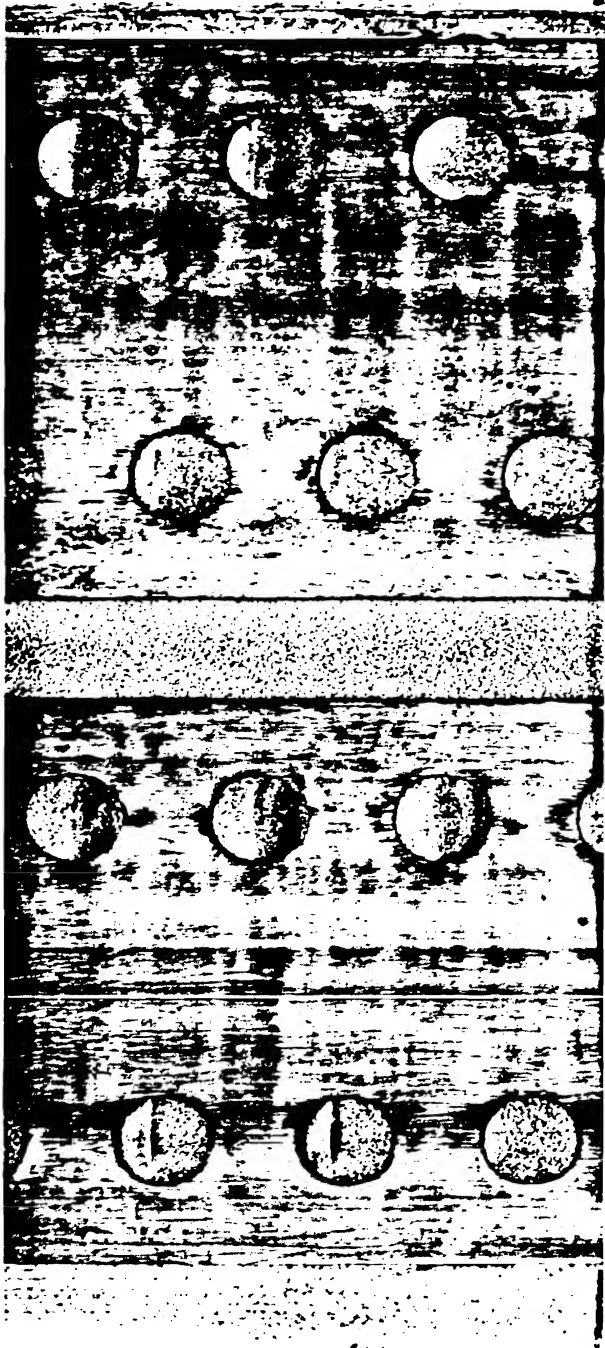
Very little switching.

8. Yes

9. No

10. Yes.





Bear Creek

300

1. No
2. —
3. —
4. —
5. Saw Mill - during winter  
at 7am 12 and 5pm.
6. No
7. C. & N. W. - No.
8. yes.
9. No.
10. yes.

Black Creek - 500 0

1 - No

2 -

3 -

4 9pm each evening

5 No

6 Yes -

7 G. B. + W. + Soc Line No  
switching.

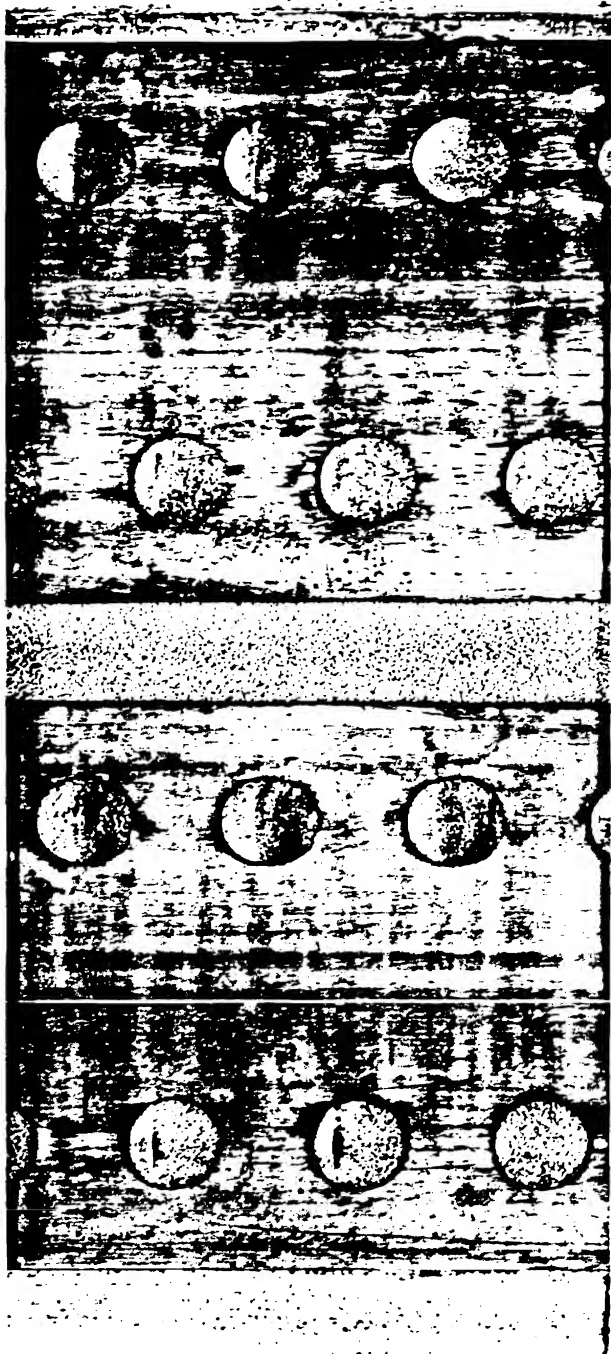
8 Yes

9 No

10 No

fine  
wda.

4



Kale

300

1. No

2 —

3 —

4. Only fire bell - for fires

5 No.

6. Yes

7. Doc line - No

8 yes

9 No

10 No



Greenville

100

9,500

1 No

2 —

3 —

4 —

5 —

6 No Churches

7 C. & N W very little switch-  
ing about once a week

8 Yes

9 No

10 No.

1. wk. da

Kaukauna

6.000

1 At noon

2 Yes

3 at noon only

4 None

5 - 2 whistles 8am 12-1pm 4pm  
weekdays.

6 - Yes - one church only, Catholic  
6:30am, 12, 6pm weekdays and on  
Sunday additional at 7:30am

7 - C. & N.W. - some switching

8, yes

9. No

10 Yes

Kimberly

2500

1 no

2 —

3 —

4 Fire siren at 8pm each night

5 no whistle

6 Catholic Church each day

7 C. + N. W. switching for  
Paper Mill

8 yes.

9 no

10 yes

Little Chute

3000

1 No

2 -

3 -

4 - 5 pm weekdays

5. No

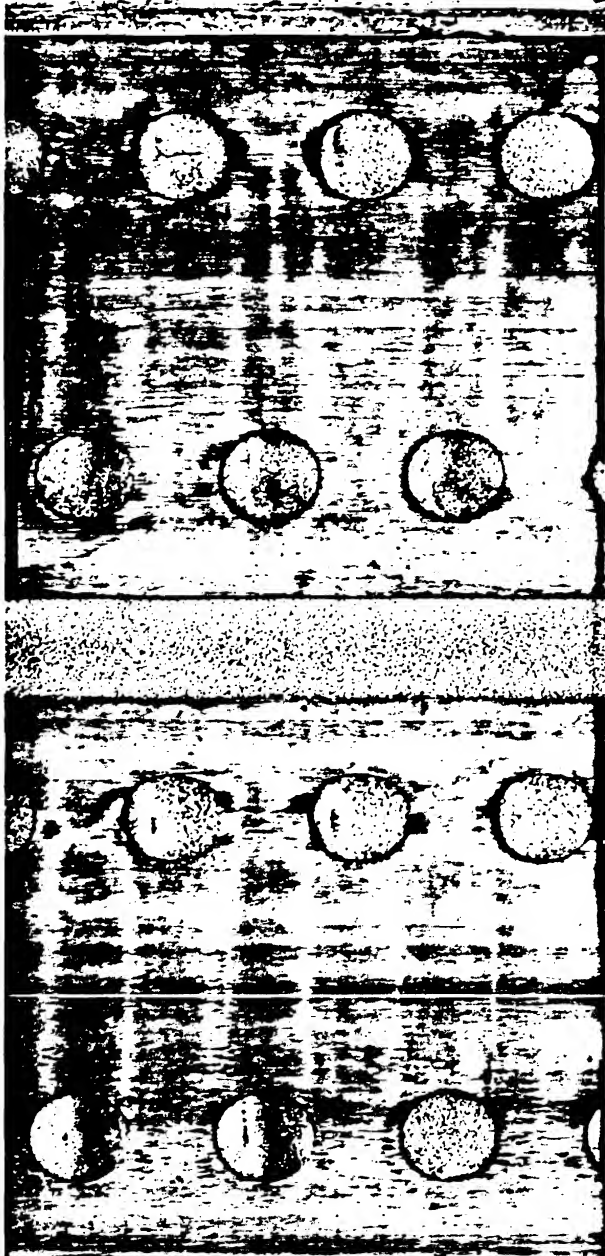
6 - One Church that has bell tolls at 8 am and 5 pm every day.

7. E + N.W. - some switching

8 yes

9 No

10 yes.



Medina

200

1. No

2. —

3. —

4. —

5. whistle at Creamery 12 noon  
each week day

6. yes

7. C + H. W. — No

8. yes

9. No

10. No



Nichols

125

1 No

2 —

3 —

4 —

5 No whistle

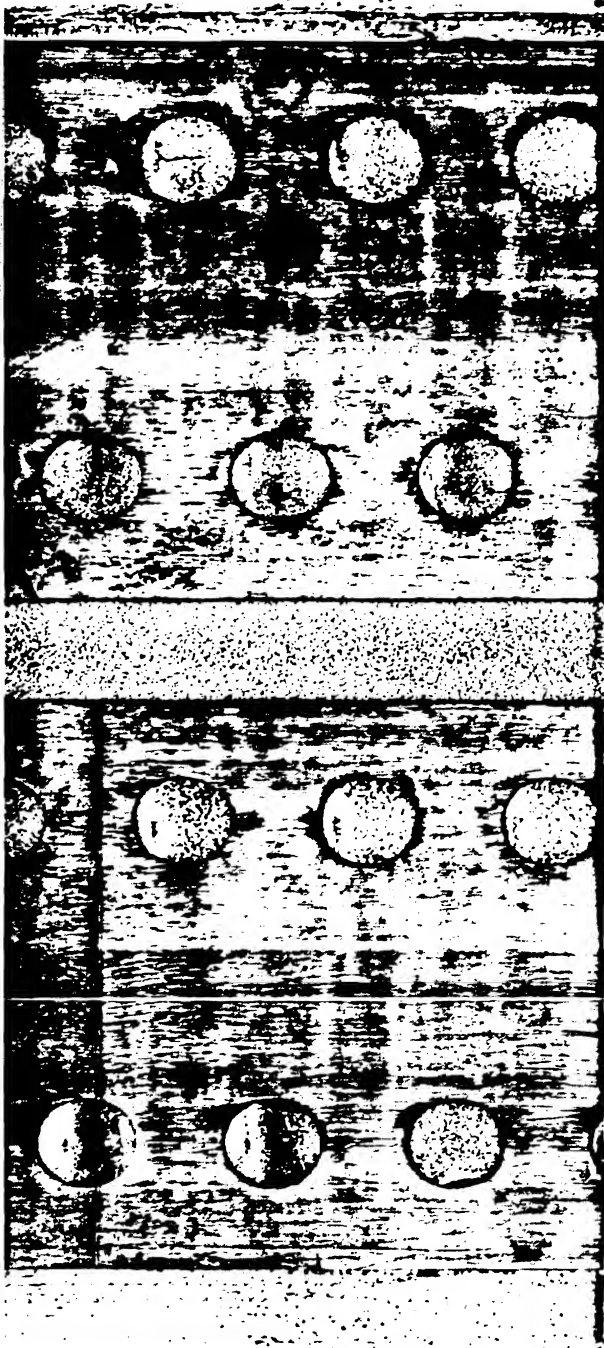
6. No

7 Acc Line - no

8 yes

9 no

10 yes



Onedia - Indian  
Reservation  
2400

1 No

2 -

3 -

4 -

5 no whistles

6 No

7 Y. B. & W. R. R. no switching

8 yes

9 No

10 No

Shiocton

500

1. No

2 -

3 -

4 -

5 Creamery winter months,  
irregular - Jan - 12 - 5 pm

6 No

7 H, B & W - No.

8 Yes

9 No

10 No.

Leymour

1200

1 No

2 -

3 -

4 at noon and for fires

5 1 whistle at 7am 12-5pm w.k. day

6 yes

7 G. B. & W. R. R. - some switching  
in the morning and evening

8 yes

9 No

10 No.

Sugar Bush

50

1 No

2 -

3 -

4 -

5 -

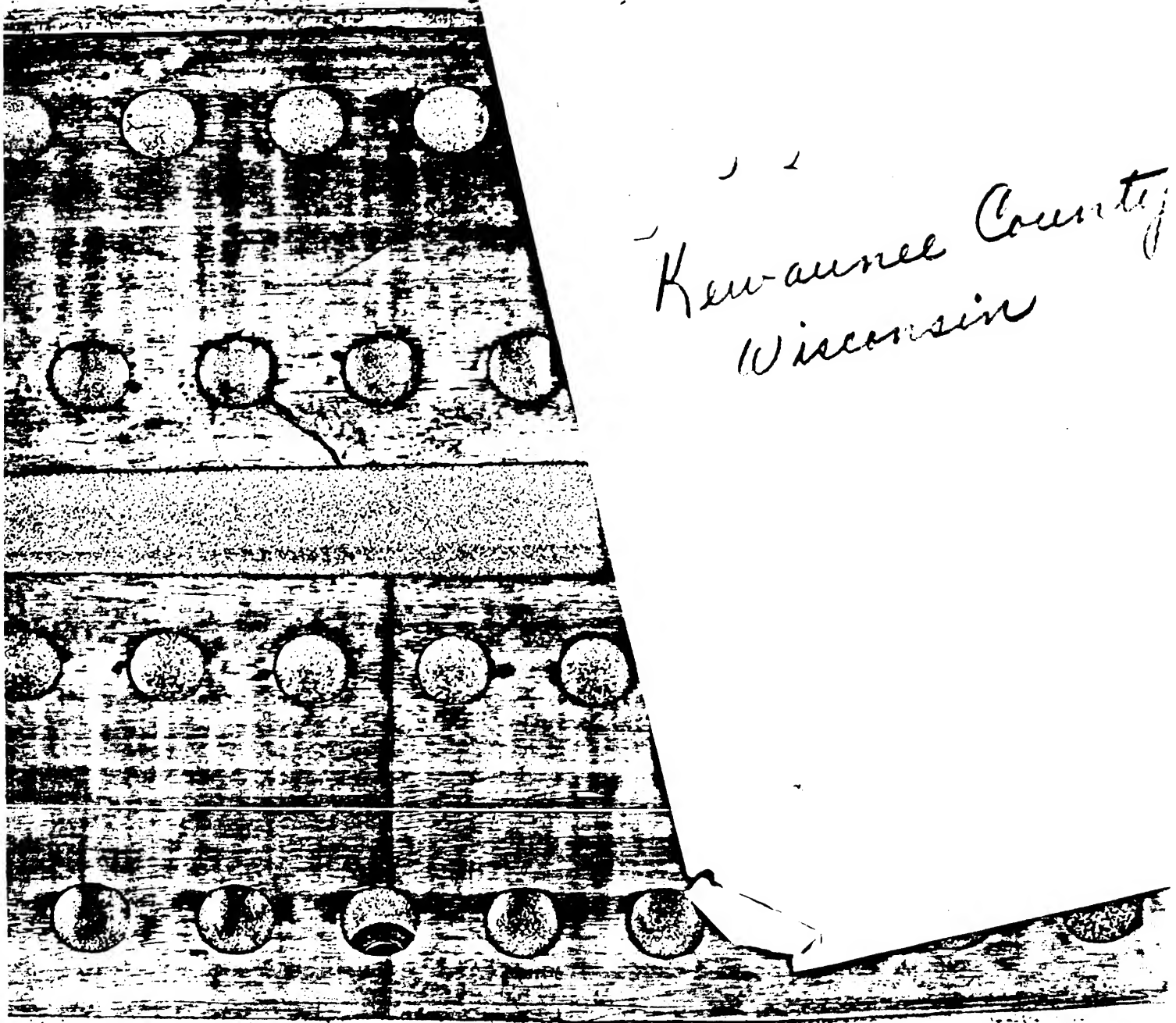
6 1-Church Bell at 6 pm sat  
and 9<sup>30</sup> am 10<sup>30</sup> am each Sun.

7 - C. & N. W. - no switching

8 - yes

9. No

10 No





Algoma

2200

1. No

2. —

3. —

4. At noon weekdays and  
for fires

5. None

6. 1 Church tolls bell at

8am 12-6pm each day

3 Churches tolls bell at

6pm sat and 8am-9-9<sup>30</sup>-

11am each Sunday

7. Atnapie + Western R.R.  
No switching

8. Yes

9. No

10 No

## Casco

1. No
2. —
3. —
4. Fire siren at 9 pm each night
5. None
6. 1 Church, daily, 7<sup>am</sup>-12-6 pm and 7<sup>30</sup> am, 9<sup>30</sup> am, Sunday
7. No
8. Yes
9. No
10. No



Kewaunee

2500

1. No

2. —

3. —

4. Fire siren, at noon week-days

5. 2 whistles, at 7-12-6 pm

6. 1 Church, bell tolled daily at 7 am - 12 - 6 pm and on Sunday at 6<sup>30</sup> am - 8 - 10.

7. Y. & N. W. R.R. - considerable switching as all trains have to back into Kewaunee depot.

8. yes

9. no

10. yes.

Luxemburg 775

1. No
2. —
3. —
4. Fire siren 9pm each night.
5. None
6. 1 Church - bell daily at  
6am - 12 - 6pm and Sunday  
at 7am & 9am  
Other Church 8 & 10am,  
Sunday only.
7. Very little switching
8. yes
9. No
10. No.

Rio Creek 150

1. No
2. —
3. —
4. none
5. 1 whistle at 7am & 4 pm  
week days.
6. none
7. none
8. yes
9. no
10. no

Waupaca County

Big Falls -

Population 300

1. No.

2. —

3. Fire bell - for fires only

4. No.

5. No.

6. Yes - 1 church 6 pm Sat. and  
10 am and 1 pm each  
Sunday.

7. - C. & N.W. very little switching

8. yes.

9. No.

10. No.

Waupaca County,  
Wisconsin.

Clintonville

5000

1. No

2. —

3. —

4. fire siren in case of fire only

5. - 2 steam whistles sound at  
7am 8am 12 - 1pm - 4pm + 5pm

6. yes -

Lat at 6 pm

Catholic - 7:30 am, 6:00 pm

and other churches toll  
bells on Sunday - 6am to 1pm.

7. C. & N. W. -

Several trains per day. very  
little switching if any

8. yes

9. No.

10. yes.



Embarrase - 350

1. No

2. -

3. -

4. Fire bell only which sounds for fire

5. no whistles

6. 1- Church sat 6pm and on  
sunday 9:30am 10:30am

7. C. & N.W. - no switching  
only 2 freights a week

8. yes

9. No.

10. No.

Fremont

415

1. No

2. —

3. —

4. Fire bell - sounds for fires only

5. No whistles

6. No - Sunday only 10am

7. No railroad

8. Yes

9. No

10. No.



Sola

800

1. No

2. —

3. —

4. Fire bell - sounds for fires  
only and on each Monday  
for meeting at 730 pm

5. No whistles

6. No

7. Green Bay & Western R.R. red  
switching

8. yes

9. No

10. No.

Manawa

711

1. No

2. —

3. —

4. Fire siren for fires only

5. No whistles

6. No

7. Green Bay & Western - very little switching.

8. Yes

9. No

10. No.

Marion

1000

1. No
2. -
3. -
4. at noon on weekdays
5. whistles, steam, at 7-12-1-4-  
5 each day of the week
6. yes
7. C. & N. W. very little switch-  
ing if any.
8. yes
9. no
10. No.

New London

4500

1. No
2. —
3. —
4. Curfew whistle that sounds each week day at 7:45 pm
5. Four steam whistles which blow at 7-8-12-1-4-5 week-days.
6. Yes
7. E + N. W.  
S. B + W.  
All switching done outside of town at a junction
8. Yes
9. No
10. Yes.

Northland

50

1. No

2. —

3. —

4. —

5. No whistle

6. No

7. No railroad

8. Yes

9. No

10. No.

Agdensburg

200

1. No

2. —

3. —

4. —

5. no whistles

6. No

7. G. B. & W. R. R. - very little  
switching - About 4 trains  
daily

8. Yes

9. No

10. No.



Royalton -

350

1. No

2. —

3. —

4. —

5. No whistle

6. No

7. Y. B. & W. R. R. very little  
switching.

8. Yes

9. No

10. No

Readfield

300

1. No
2. —
3. —
4. —
5. No whistles
6. Yes. Sat. 6 pm -
7. Soo Line - very little switching.
8. Yes
9. No
10. No.



Scandinavia

350

1. No

2. -

3. -

4. Fire siren sounds for fires only and each sat. at 6 pm.

5. No whistles

6. No

7. G. B. & W. R. R. 2 trains per day.

8. Yes

9. No

10. No,

Sheridan

60

1. No

2. —

3. —

4. —

5. —

6. No

7. So. Line. 4 trains per day  
very little switching.

8. Yes

9. No.

10. No.

Waupaca

3331

1. No
2. —
3. —
4. Fire whistle, sounds for fires only and every Monday at 7pm.
5. Creamery whistle blows at 7am 12-1pm 5pm on week days.
6. No
7. Soo Line & G. B. & W. R. R. very little switching.
8. Yes
9. No.
10. yes.

Weyanwega -

1067

1. No

2. —

3. —

4. Have only fire bell

5. 3 whistles - blow at 7am-12-5pm

6. No

7. Soo Line - very little switching

8. Yes

9. No

10. Yes.

# Wisconsin Veterans Home

1. No

2. —

3. —

4. —

5. Whistle at 6am 7-11<sup>30</sup> 12-4<sup>30</sup> pm

6. No

7. No

8. Yes

9. No

10. Yes.

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

E JUN 26 1934

**JUNE 24, 1964.**

TO ~~SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT~~ **Mr. S.P. COWLEY** **CHICAGO**

HAVE AGENT WHO CAN IDENTIFY PEARL ELLIOTT PROCKED ST PAUL TONIGHT

**HOOVER**

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U. S. Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

June 21, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I.O.#1219, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, together with Special Agents Gross and Hurley and Sheriff Finn, at Madison, Wisconsin, certain raids were conducted on premises operated by MARGARET WILLIAMS, who was suspected of being identical with PEARL ELLIOTT, an associate of the DILLINGER gang. There was found in the house in Madison only one specimen of typewriting which is enclosed herewith for examination in the Division to determine if the typing is identical with that on the BREMER ransom notes.

Unless this identification is established, there appears to be no necessity for processing this correspondence for fingerprints both in view of its age and in view of the large number of people who have handled it.

Very truly yours,

H.H. CLEGG, INSPECTOR.

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June 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Black telephoned and advised that Mr. Grant R. McCullough was president of the First National Bank at Tulsa for twenty years but he has retired now and is in the insurance business with his son. He returned from a trip in Missouri last Monday night and advised that he received a telephone call from Fred Bentley, Manager of the Mayo Hotel to come over as two men there had some information for him. One of the two men is Earl Gardner who is a city detective on the police force. When Mr. McCullough arrived they told him that the Barker-Karpis gang were going to put him on the spot for \$100,000 and their informant was a member of this gang; that McCullough was going to be put on the spot by three members of this gang, namely, Alvin Karpis and the Barker Brothers; that these three were in Missouri now looking for hide-outs. Mr. McCullough advised these men that he had no money and was broke and they told him that they called him to the hotel in order to put him on his guard. They also told him that seven Federal men had been working on the same thing and that these men had been in and out. As a result of this meeting, Mr. McCullough talked to his lawyer and sent the telegram addressed to you. Mr. McCullough has employed a body guard.

Since this time Mr. McCullough received a telephone call from a man who sounded like he might be intoxicated, asking him to get in touch with Ed Egan who is a notorious gangster and has served time in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth. McCullough stated he did not know Egan and hung up. This telephone call was on Tuesday. Last night, June 20th, a car drove up into the driveway. Mr. McCullough's little boy was playing in the yard and thought it was his aunt in the car and threw his flashlight into the car. The occupants asked if it was the residence of Jim Stanton and then drove off without waiting for an answer. The license numbers of this car were obtained and traced to the Finchley Oil Co. who advised that they sold the car in April to a man in San Francisco. Mr. Black has sent a wire to the San Francisco Office asking them to trace this car.

I asked Mr. Black whether he had any reason to believe that Alvin Karpis and the Barker Brothers had been in that vicinity and he stated they have had rumors to this effect for the past three or four weeks. He advised that they have not discussed this matter with Earl Gardner as he has not been cooperating. Gardner did advise McCullough, however, that he did not know his informant's name but it was one of the gang. Mr. Black was requested to make the necessary arrangements so that we would receive advice at once in case anything comes up or anything suspicious occurs. Mr. Hanson and Mr. Hall will remain in Tulsa. Mr. Black is returning to Oklahoma City and the Division will be promptly advised as to all developments.

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Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

JUN 27 1934

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NATHAN  
one pm  
26

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

REN:RD

June 21, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Cowley telephoned from the Chicago Office today, to advise that the investigations conducted at Darien and Delavan, Wisconsin, by Special Agent Brown with a view to locating the Bremer hide-out, had been completed without result; that Brown is today returning to Williams Bay, Wisconsin, where a fire was reported on January 28, 1934 and will make an investigation there with a view to locating the hide-out.

Mr. Cowley stated that he had an Agent covering the hotel "Como" which is operated by Hermanson, six miles north of Lake Geneva, which hotel has in it pillow-slips with the marking "Linden Lodge", similar to the pillow-slips found in the possession of Tommy Carroll when he was killed at Waterloo, Iowa. Mr. Cowley stated that there was no indication that Nelson had accompanied Carroll to this hotel, in view of the statement made by Louis Cernocky's son to Father Coughlin, to the effect that Nelson had passed by Cernocky's place two weeks ago, stating that he was en route to St. Paul and would remain there about ten days after which he would return to Chicago. Mr. Cowley further stated that Agent Hollis had made an excellent contact with Father Coughlin who is now cooperating with the Division one hundred per cent.

In connection with the supervision of the Bremer case in the Chicago Office, Mr. Cowley stated that he was considering replacing Agent K. R. McIntire with Agent Brown, and wanted to know whether Agent McIntire had been assigned to this case pursuant to instructions from the Division. I advised Mr. Cowley that so far as I know, no such instructions had been issued by the Division. He stated that he would give the matter further consideration before taking any action.

Respectfully,

*R. E. Newby*  
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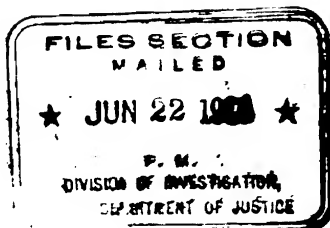
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In regard to the memorandum by Mr. Newby, addressed to you under date of June 21, 1934, and in which Mr. Cowley inquires as to whether there is any objection to substituting Special Agent Brown for Special Agent E. R. McIntire on the Bremer assignment, I do not know of any reason why this should not be done. I had been informed, however, that Special Agent McIntire made a personal study of the Bremer case, and it might be well to ascertain from Mr. Cowley why he wishes to replace McIntire with Brown. As a general matter, however, I do not think that we should endeavor to state who should be upon these special assignments when we have placed the entire responsibility in the hands of Mr. Cowley. It might be well in this instance, however, to find out why there should be a change made.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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July 11, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
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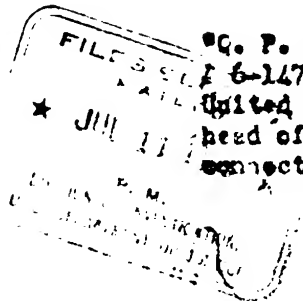
RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219;  
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim -  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sirs,

Reference is made to your letter dated June 23, 1934 addressed to Inspector Clegg, with which was transmitted a memorandum prepared by Special Agents F. S. Smith and F. C. Culberson, reflecting the results of their interview with one G. P. McGhee and Joe Hanna. The information set forth in this memorandum is of considerable interest to the Division, and this contact appears to be a fertile source of information respecting members of the Barker-Karpis gang. You should give your personal attention to this matter and see that all suggested leads are thoroughly run out.

In connection with the identity of G. P. McGhee, it appears that this individual was one of the principal subjects in the case entitled "Tom Robinson - et al - Conspiracy to Defeat Functions of Government and Defraud Indian Ward, Maud Lee Mudd", Oklahoma City File #70-23. The report of Special Agent A. L. Baker dated Oklahoma City, Oklahoma July 15, 1926 reflects that McGhee was formerly a judge in Ottawa County, and at the time of the investigation was a practicing attorney and one of the conspirators in the attempt to defraud Miss Mudd. This report also shows that McGhee was the owner of Radium Springs, Salina, Oklahoma and gives the names of a number of attorneys and County officials who furnished information during the course of this investigation. A brief statement of the facts relevant to this investigation was set out in a letter addressed to the Kansas City Office by the Oklahoma City Office, dated July 29, 1926, and the file at the Kansas City Office appears to be #70-17.

The Oklahoma City Office is also origin in the case entitled, "G. P. McGee, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act", Oklahoma City File #6-1472, Kansas City File #16-1573, wherein it was reported by the United States Attorney at Tulsa, Oklahoma that subject McGee was the head of an automobile theft ring at Miami, Oklahoma and reflects his connection with the Kince-Inman-Terrill Outlaw Gang. There was no



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prosecution resulting from this investigation.

Oklahoma City is also the office of origin of the investigation entitled, "Herman Barker, with aliases - et al - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act", Oklahoma City File #26-846, Kansas City File #26-846. Subject Barker of this investigation, is the oldest brother of subjects Arthur R. and Fred Barker in instant case. The report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy dated Oklahoma City, Oklahoma May 9, 1927 sets forth the results of the investigation of that Agent at Miami, Oklahoma as follows:

"Discreet inquiries at Miami develops that Q. P. McGhee, who is an attorney there, and who was formerly a County Judge, is connected with the Ray Terrell-Matthew Kimes gang and assist them in their defense when any member of the gang is arrested. Charges have been filed by the County Attorney of Miami County against Q. P. McGhee, Frank Burns, another Miami lawyer, and Jeff D. Sexton, Justice of Peace at Ketchum, Oklahoma, and in a preliminary hearing on April 9, they were held for trial in the District Court to answer to a charge of harboring, aiding and assisting a person guilty of a felony. These three men have a similar charge against them in Craig County, Vinita, Oklahoma. They are charged with preventing the return of Subject Inman to Osage County to answer to charge of car theft. Agent was advised against interviewing Q. P. McGhee. It was not thought advisable to place a cover on Mr. McGhee's mail, as it is believed no results could be obtained from same.

"Agent was also informed that for some time C. P. McGhee owned and operated a hotel and bath resort at Radium Springs near Salina, Oklahoma, and some time this past summer he transferred the property to Mrs. C. D. Antone, who at that time was operating the resort; that Mrs. C. D. Antone is known among the underworld as "Mother", and the Terrell-Kimes gang, of which Subject Barker and Subject Inman are members, used the resort as a hiding place.

"It was not thought advisable to request the assistance of the Sheriff of Ottawa County, Miami, Oklahoma, in the apprehension of Subjects Barker or Inman, as Q. P. McGhee's brother is Chief Deputy Sheriff, and that office is said to be more or less in the power of Q. P. McGhee.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma

"Agent interviewed F. J. Bays, of Bays Detective Agency, 216 Calumet Building, 414 1/2 S. Boston Street, who stated that he has been keeping in close touch with the movements of Subject

Barker; that about April 10, or 11, he traced Subject Barker to Sapulpa, where he was to meet his father, George E. Barker, and his wife, Mrs. Carol Hamilton, but due to a very heavy rain that night he was unable to keep up with them and lost them after entering the city of Sapulpa; that he has the telephones of George E. Barker 401 N. Cincinnati Street, and Mrs. Carol Hamilton, on West 9th Street, tapped and is listening in on all conversations passing over those phones; that he overheard a message from G. P. McGhee, asking that George E. Barker come to Miami at once, and a couple days later Barker is said to have stated that he had just returned from a trip up in Kansas. Mr. Bays is of the opinion that Subject Barker has been operated on at the home of G. P. McGhee, and had the shot removed from his knee, and that he does not limp as he did before that operation. Mr. Bays based this belief on a telephone message he overheard between Mrs. Carol Hamilton, at Miami, and George Barker, at Tulsa."

Considerable information of value is contained in the above entitled cases and the Oklahoma City Office and the Kansas City Office are instructed to review their respective files for the purpose of developing additional contacts with respect to the Barker-Karpis gang. The report of Special Agent A. B. Nathan dated Kansas City, Missouri September 10, 1927 submitted in the last mentioned case, reflects that subject Herman Barker on August 29, 1927 was cornered by Wichita, Kansas Police Department and after a gun battle with the police, committed suicide. Mrs. Carol Hamilton, wife of subject Herman Barker, on September 27, 1927 was sentenced to serve two to four years in the State Penitentiary at Rawlins, Wyoming for aiding and abetting Elmer Inman in the murder of Deputy Sheriff Osborn near Pine Bluffs, Wyoming on August 1, 1927.

The report of Special Agent J. D. Glass dated Oklahoma City, Oklahoma April 18, 1927 set forth the following with respect to subject Herman Barker and his relatives:

"The Sheriff at Fayetteville has no pictures of Subject (Herman Barker) at this time, but advises that he has had pictures that were taken by the Memphis, Tennessee, Police when Subject was arrested there last summer with Mrs. Carol Hamilton on charge of robbery of a jewelry store; and that the Joplin, Missouri, Police has picture of Subject taken when he was recently arrested at that place.

"While Subject was in jail at Fayetteville, he was visited by his mother, Mrs. George Lavender, of 401 North Cincinnati Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and by a woman who gave her name as Carol Hamilton and who is Subject's sweetheart and is referred to by him as his wife and by his attorney, G. P. McGhee, of Miami, Oklahoma. The

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woman Carol Hamilton visited him several times.

"Subject's mother and father are divorced and it is reported that his father is a janitor for some school building in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His full name has not been obtained. His mother is Mrs. George Lavender and she resides at 401 North Cincinnati Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma. It is reported that she previously resided at Radium Springs, Oklahoma, where Subject lived with her, and that she owns some property at that place and is contemplating opening a store there in the near future. She wrote to Subject several times while he was in jail at Fayetteville and it appears that she is devoted to him. Subject is reported to have a brother in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, name unknown, and another brother, Fred Barker, in the Kansas State Penitentiary.

"Mrs. Carol Hamilton, alias Carol Antone, it appears is on familiar terms with Elmer Inman, Alvin Sherwood, Ray Terrill and others of notorious character in Oklahoma with whom Subject has been connected. It appears that she and Subject Barker are very much in love with each other at this time; she sometimes passes as his wife and keeps in touch with him continuously. Her maiden name was Carol Antone and her mother is Mrs. C. D. Antone, who lives on a rural route out of Sapulpa, Oklahoma. She has been married to a man by name of Hamilton, from whom she is divorced or separated. She has a brother, Tommie Antone, who lives with her mother. She has a niece, Mrs. Mary Labaugh, who at present resides with Mrs. C. D. Antone at Sapulpa, Oklahoma. While Subject Barker was in jail at Fayetteville, Mrs. Carol Hamilton wrote to him very often and he wrote to her frequently. He sometimes addressed her "c/o C. P. McGhee, Miami, Oklahoma"; also "c/o 401 North Cincinnati Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma"; also "c/o Mrs. C. D. Antone, Sapulpa, Oklahoma"; also "419 North Boston Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma". The names of the persons who reside at 419 North Boston Street, Tulsa, were not disclosed by the correspondence between Subject and Mrs. Hamilton, but it is thought that a Mrs. Brown or Mrs. Ethel Walker, whom Mrs. Hamilton mentioned in her letters, might reside at this address. Mrs. Carol Hamilton was arrested at Memphis, Tennessee, last summer with Subject on a jewelry robbery charge and the Memphis Police have her photograph. While Subject was in jail, Mrs. Hamilton was recently arrested at Lawton, Oklahoma, in connection with a jewelry robbery, at which time she first gave her name as Staloup. She was released by the Lawton authorities because of insufficient evidence. It is reported that she is well known by the police at



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Tulsa and Muskogee, Oklahoma. It is thought that she will be with Subject a great part of the time while he is at large. It appears that Mrs. Hamilton is on very friendly terms with Subject's mother.

"Mrs. Carol Hamilton is described as follows:

Age about 30 years;  
Height about 5 ft. 7 in.;  
Medium build;  
Black bobbed hair, marcelled;  
High cheek bones;  
Big mouth;  
Very dark eyes;  
Very dark complexion;  
Half breed Indian;  
Wears expensive, flashy clothing and jewelry.

"While Subject was in jail, he wrote to Mrs. Hamilton more often than to anyone else, but he frequently wrote to his mother, and he received one letter from Tommie Antone, brother of Mrs. Hamilton, and a letter from Mrs. Mary Labaugh, Sapulpa, Oklahoma, a niece of Mrs. Hamilton.

"It appears that C. P. McOhee, lawyer, of Miami, Oklahoma, has been employed by Subject Barker as his attorney for sometime and that he has previously defended Subject. It is reported that this attorney is retained by various other members of the Terrill and Inman gangs and that he usually appears as their chief attorney when they are arrested, and that members of this gang keep in touch with him."

It is noted above that Mrs. C. D. Antone, mother of Carol Hamilton, is known among the underworld as "mother". Mrs. Kate Barker, mother of the Barker brothers, is also known as "mother".

On page 4 of the memorandum dated June 23, 1934 prepared by Special Agent F. S. Smith, reference is made to a detective at Leavenworth, Kansas who is alleged to be the go-between for the Barkers. This individual is apparently Jack Glynn concerning whom the Division, under date of April 25, 1934 requested the Kansas City Office to obtain as much detailed information respecting his activities as is possible. The Kansas City Office is instructed to give this matter immediate attention.

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There are enclosed herewith copies of an abstract of criminal record and photographs of one, C. P. McGhee, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma #26316, who may possibly be identical with the individual of the same name referred to above.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure 557239

cc - Kansas City  
St. Paul  
Chicago

P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
June 25, 1934.

U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
DIVISION ONE  
JUN 26 1934 PM

Mr. M. E. Glegg, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 816, St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your telephonic communication of June 20th to this office and to your letter dated the same date concerning the receipt by Mr. Edward C. Bremer relative to a letter received by him from one Ed Williams of Fort Smith, Arkansas, please be advised that I am transmitting herewith a memorandum prepared by Special Agents F. S. Smith and F. C. Culbertson showing the extent of their inquiries.

Please be advised that contact will be maintained with Williams and with McGhee, and any developments will be promptly furnished you.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Oklahoma City, Okla.,  
June 23, 1934.

RE: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. #1218;  
Arthur R. Barker, with aliases, I.O. #1219;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Under date of June 20th the Oklahoma City Division Office was advised by telephone by Inspector Clegg, Saint Paul, that Mr. Edward G. Bremer, kidnap victim, had received a letter signed "Ed Williams, General Delivery, Fort Smith, Arkansas," in which he (Williams) stated that he had been asked by a prisoner in the Oklahoma State Prison to write Bremer; that this prisoner wanted him to get in touch with the Department of Justice in regard to the Bremer kidnaping, stating that this prisoner could locate the gang accused, that he does not trust any local officials for fear of connection with this gang, that he (informant) did not know any Department of Justice operatives and requesting Bremer if interested to have one get in touch with him and he would explain all, that the prisoner who has the information is a former county official now serving time for harboring this gang.

Mr. Clegg further advised that the envelope was postmarked, "Fort Smith, Arkansas, June 18, 1934, 2:00 P.M." and requested that the Oklahoma City Office contact Williams and make the necessary investigation.

Pursuant to the receipt of the above telephone message and on instructions of Special Agent in Charge Brantley, this agent proceeded to Fort Smith and endeavored to locate and contact Williams, but was unable to obtain any information through the postoffice and other sources to indicate his identity. On June 20, 1934, the writer addressed a letter to Ed Williams, General Delivery, Fort Smith, Arkansas, requesting that he immediately communicate with the Oklahoma City Office. On June 21st a 'phone call was received from Ed Williams, Fort Smith, advising that he had received above-referred-to letter and stating that he would meet agent at Fort Smith on that date.

By arrangement, Special Agent Culberson and the writer proceeded to Fort Smith and there contacted the above-referred-to informant, who advised that his correct name is Joe Hanna, and his address 7 "G", N.E. Miami, Oklahoma. He stated that he is a relative and close friend of

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Q. P. McGhee, an inmate of the Oklahoma State Prison and former County Judge of Miami, Oklahoma, and who, as an attorney prior to conviction, was closely allied with Doc Barker, Freddie Barker and their gang of outlaws and was convicted for fraud in connection with the Barker gang. Hanna stated that McGhee had determined to aid the Government in bringing about the apprehension of the Barkers and had requested him to get a Department of Justice agent and bring him to McGhee in a manner not to create suspicion and tip McGhee off; that after having talked with McGhee, it was his opinion that McGhee could put the finger on this gang and that he was receiving information in the penitentiary which would enable him to accomplish this; that McGhee was not asking for clemency or favors but that this bunch had mistreated him and that he felt inclined to turn them in and aid the Government; that McGhee had no confidence in local officers and therefore had consistently declined to confer with or furnish any information to local officers or officials, but that he had great confidence in Government men and felt that he could confide in them and that his confidence would not be broken.

McGhee being confined at the sub-prison in Springtown and enjoying the privileges of a trusty, by arrangement Joe Hanna brought him to Springtown, where agents were waiting and at suggestion of McGhee both he and Hanna and the agents proceeded to a remote spot in the country where McGhee felt that he would be secure in talking.

McGhee stated that he practiced law prior to conviction twenty years and lived at Miami, Oklahoma; that he has a wife and three sons, ages 11, 13 and 15; that he became acquainted and associated with Doc Barker, Freddie Barker and Volney Davis and their associates several years ago, as their legal adviser and defender in crime; that this bunch paid him large sums of money, fees of as much as ten thousand dollars for a single defense; that he would estimate that he had been paid by this organization through Doc and Eddie Barker principally, fifty thousand dollars or more; that he had defended them and their connections all over the United States; that his job was to put them on the ground; that his success in that respect was through manipulation with crooked officers, which he had no trouble in getting; that he enjoyed the unqualified confidence of Doc and Freddie Barker, Volney Davis and numerous associates on account of his success; that there is no worse men living than Doc Barker, Fred Barker and Volney Davis; that his conviction was brought about through his manipulation in releasing Elmer Inman and Herman Barker, a brother of Doc and Freddie, from custody in Kansas; that Inman was an associate in crime with the Barker bunch; that prior to his (McGhee's) incarceration, Doc Barker and Volney Davis were convicted and confined in Oklahoma State Prison, McAlester; that after his (McGhee's) incarceration he was in daily contact with Doc Barker in prison and personally through manipulation purchased a parole for both Doc Barker and Volney Davis; that Butler, the Pardon and Parole Supervisor, was paid \$1375.00 cash for the parole of Doc

Barker and a similar amount for Davis; that \$275.00 was put up in escrow for the release of Doc Barker prior to the final payment of \$1100.00; that Cutler will release any man from prison for money; that it is a known fact, and that he will guarantee that he can secure the release of any man in McAlester prison regardless of the crime for which he was convicted, and at an appointed time, through Cutler, for a financial consideration; that Cutler's system is not to pardon anyone but to place them on parole, which gives him some leverage in that he can revoke the parole at any time and cause an additional shake-down; that the subjects of his parole are principally bank robbers and the type who have money or are capable of making money; that since it has become commonly known that the Barkers, Davis, et al are wanted, a certain detective who gathered the opinion that by getting clemency for him (McGhee) he could possibly use him advantageously in bringing about the apprehension of this bunch of thieves, approached the Governor of Oklahoma in the interest of securing a temporary parole for McGhee; that Cutler, upon hearing this, immediately caused McGhee to be confined within the walls of McAlester Prison, depriving him of his liberties as a trusty at the sub-prison; that it became necessary for him to bring about political influence to regain his status as a trusty; that therefore he is not looking for clemency and that it would be foolish for anyone to attempt to obtain clemency for him because of the fact that it would destroy his usefulness in connection with the Barkers; that he has no money to buy his parole, which he could obtain if he had the price, but that he feels that he can accomplish this after this administration; that he has no confidence in local officers and has never furnished anyone any information concerning the Barker bunch; that he feels that he can bring about a connection with the Barkers that will enable the Government to capture them, and that he will gladly aid and assist the Government in every manner possible, provided that the Government will safeguard him as their informant; that he now has a scheme on by which he expects to be in touch with the Barkers by an early date in July, probably July 4th; that they had a hangout in Wisconsin and Minnesota but recently have moved into Illinois and that in his opinion, which is not authentic, they are at Chicago; that Doc Barker now owes him a fee of \$4000.00, balance for services; that he has received many favors while in the penitentiary in a small way consisting of gratuities which he knows in reason came from the Barkers although he had no direct information of it; that he is receiving grapevine information in the penitentiary and has sources through which he feels he will be enabled to get into direct communication with them in the very near future; that he was advised by the Barkers since his incarceration that when he came to a conclusion with reference to leaving the penitentiary that they would lend him the proper aid, and based on this that he is now endeavoring to communicate with them; that he has sent them word that he is ready and that he will designate a contact man, who is to be Joe Hanna, whom the Barkers personally know and have confidence in; that he owned and operated a resort known as Radium Springs near Salina, Oklahoma;

that he expended \$80,000.00 in the improvement of this property; that some time about 1937 he sold this resort to the Barker boys and they operated it as a holdout and a point from which to operate; that Joe Hanna was their caretaker prior to their relinquishing control; that their reason for abandoning this place was due to the fact that they became too well known; that Joe Hanna is a close-mouthed fellow whom this bunch knows was in possession of information concerning their operations while he was their caretaker, with which they trusted him emphatically, and that he never betrayed their confidence; that he therefore expects to use Joe Hanna in making contact with the Barker boys in the event he gets in touch with them, which he feels certain he can do. He further stated that Freddie Barker never pulled a job where he obtained money without immediately wiring his mother some money; that he wired it to her in her own name in every instance, but that immediately after wiring and before the wire was received likely, he would be several hundred miles from the point where the money was sent and it was therefore a difficult matter ever to check up on him through that source; that Barker's mother, he has been informed, has now returned to Tulsa and is now at 401 Cincinnati Street; that this information is not authentic but came through a source which may be correct.

He stated that there is a detective at Leavenworth, Kansas, who is a go-between for the Barkers; that while he has no definite information in this connection, it is his opinion that this detective is a contact man at all times for the Barkers, and through him old man Barker gets his communications and that money is probably sent old man Barker through this detective; that this detective is the man who paid over the money to the pardon and parole officer at Oklahoma City for the release of Davis and Doc Barker; that Mrs. Barker communicates regularly with Floyd Barker, now confined in Leavenworth and that a cover on his mail will unquestionably locate Mrs. Barker, the mother of Freddie and Doc.

He stated that Joe Hanna had helped maintain his family since his incarceration; in fact that without his assistance his family would have suffered; that he would like to see Joe Hanna receive the rewards, whatever they may be, for the apprehension of these men; that Joe Hanna is going to be his contact man in future operations in this connection, and his only request is that he be given some financial assistance during this period; that he feels that he will be able to have definite information that will bring about the apprehension of the Barkers by July 4th, not later than the 8th, and that he wants to keep Joe Hanna in close touch with him during this period so that he can reach him by 'phone at a moment's notice.

Mr. McGhee talked very frankly and did not attempt to leave the impression that he actually knew the location of these men, but was certain that he could communicate with them, but stated at all times that there was no reason for the Barkers to be suspicious of him and that he felt that as soon as he got direct communication to them he could then obtain



any information he desired relative to their location and so forth, and promised upon his word of honor that he would do everything possible to aid the Government in apprehending them.

Joe Hanna stated that he personally knows the Barker boys; that he worked for McGhee as caretaker at Madium Springs when he operated the resort and that after the Barker boys took it over he was caretaker for them until they abandoned it; that he personally knows Mrs. Barker and met her many times at this resort; that as such caretaker he did not meddle in the business of the Barkers and their associates but observed their many connections and operations, and that he knew they were criminals and operating; that he has their confidence; that in his opinion Mr. McGhee is endeavoring to aid the Government in every respect; that while he is in the penitentiary for his connection with the Barker gang, he personally knows that McGhee is very honorable in many respects and that his word is good and that he has talked to him confidentially and that he believes he will be able to and will put the finger on this gang in a very little while; and that he, as a friend of McGhee's, will gladly do and follow the instructions of McGhee in bringing about the apprehension of these men.

Hanna proceeded back to Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he stated that he had an urgent matter to attend to. The writer told him that he would take this matter up with Special Agent in Charge Brantley, and that in his opinion if Mr. Brantley agreed to advance any expenses it would not be to exceed \$2.50 or \$3.00 per day, and that in the event Mr. Brantley agreed, he would be communicated with immediately at Fort Smith, General Delivery.

F. S. SMITH,  
Special Agent.

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1 Chicago  
2 Saint Paul  
1 Kansas City  
2 Oklahoma City

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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June 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TALL.

In compliance with the telephonic request of Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith a transcript of the criminal record of Milton Snyder, Seattle, Washington Police Department #12242.

Respectfully,

L. A. Hince.

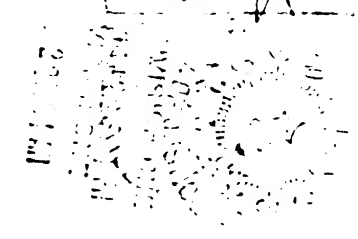
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June 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Confirming telephonic advice to Mr. Newby on June 20, 1934, please be advised that a search of the files of the Identification Unit reflects that there is no record of any individual by the name of FRED GREEN having been incarcerated at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary or the Arkansas State Penitentiary.

Respectfully,

L. A. Hince  
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REPORT MADE AT: <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>6/25/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>6/12-13/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>K. R. MCINTIRE</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1215; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. 1219; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Volney Davis reported to have used phone No. Hillside 912 on night of June 11, 1934, to call his sister, Mrs. L. B. Hoffman of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and reported to have talked about his escape, which is believed to mean his parole from the McAlester Penitentiary in Oklahoma. Phone No. Hillside 912 is that of Oak Ridge Tavern in Hillside, Illinois.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">This report is predicated upon a telephonic communication to this office by Mr. Dwight Brantley, Special Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City office, on June 12, 1934, advising in substance that as a result of a wire tap maintained on the telephone of L. B. Hoffman at Tulsa, Oklahoma, it had been ascertained that on the night of June 11, 1934, at about 9:30 P.M., a party believed to have been Volney Davis, had called the Hoffman residence, telephone No. 2-7866, and that that individual had called from telephone No. Hillside 912, Hillside, Illinois. It was at first believed that this was the telephone of the Hillside Police Department, but this was later shown to be erroneous. During this telephone conversation, Mr. Brantley stated that the caller, presumably Davis, inquired about the family in general and requested to know of the person answering the phone at the Hoffman home whether "you have heard anything concerning me". Incidentally, Mr. Brantley stated that Davis is on leave from the Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, and that his time expires on July 1, 1934; that concerning this matter, some inquiry was made by the person making the phone call, and the woman who</p>			
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answered the phone at the Hoffman residence, presumably the sister of Davis, stated that she could give more definite information by the 15th, believed to be June 15, 1934, but informed the caller that it would be necessary for him to be met somewhere and sign some papers, to which he replied that that would be impossible and that his father should sign the same for him. The information given in this telephone conversation was confirmed by letter from the Oklahoma City office to this office, dated June 18, 1934.

It is believed that in view of the fact that Davis' leave of absence expires on July 1, 1934, he will make an effort to secure a parole from the McAlester Penitentiary, and that perhaps the matter he had in mind when he asked the party he was calling if "You have heard anything concerning me", referred to this.

Immediately upon receipt of this information, Special Agent Chaffetz of this office conducted the following investigation:



June 14, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, ET AL  
EDWARD G. BREMMER, Victim  
File No. 7-82.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent M. Chaffetz.

Reference is made to the memorandum of Val C. Zimmer, Acting Special Agent in Charge, dated June 12, 1934, concerning information submitted from the Oklahoma City office in the above entitled case.

Agent contacted Chief of Police Bailey of Maywood Police Department in order to determine the advisability of questioning the Police Department at Hillside, Illinois to determine any information concerning the telephone call made from that police department as set out in the memorandum referred to. Chief of Police Bailey suggested that Agent not contact the Hillside Police Department, but offered his services to accompany Agent to that town and conduct a discrete investigation concerning this telephone call.

Before proceeding to Hillside further check was made of telephone number Hillside 912, and it was determined that this number was issued to the Oak Ridge Tavern, located at Roosevelt and Oak Ridge Streets, Hillside, Illinois, and it will be noted here that the memorandum states that that telephone number was listed to the Hillside Police Department.

Agent, accompanied by Chief of Police Bailey and Officers Wilson and Stenstrom, proceeded to the Oak Ridge Tavern where it was determined that a telephone booth having the number Hillside 912 is located. Acting upon the advice of Chief Bailey Agent did not question the bartender or owner of this tavern, the owner's name being Ed Foss, since it was the belief of Chief Bailey that this place was very likely a hoodlum hangout.

A description of the Oak Ridge Tavern, as obtained by observation, is as follows: It consists of one large wooden frame building having two floors, the first floor contains, on the left extreme of the building, an ordinary barroom in which there is a regulation bar running from the back to the front, and on the left side of the room; there are

also two or three tables with chairs; and to the rear at the right wall of this room there is a telephone booth from which the telephone call involved in this case was made. Agent did not visit the other rooms on this floor, but did note that there is an entry from this barroom to a large dining room to the right of the barroom. This room had the appearance of being an ordinary dining room. It could also be seen that at the extreme right of the building there was a smaller dining room in which there was a radio and a small stage probably to be used by an orchestra for dancing purposes. It was noted from the outside the building had a second floor which had the appearance of having several rooms all of which were dark at that hour of the night. It was also noted that there was little activity in this tavern and at the time Agent was present there were also present the officers who were accompanying Agent, the bartender, Ed Foss, one other customer drinking beer and another customer seated at one of the tables in the company of two women who had the appearance of being persons who were employed by the tavern. From personal observation the description of Ed Foss, the owner of this tavern, is as follows:

Age	About 35 years
Height	5'6"
Weight	125 pounds
Hair	Blonde
Complexion	Sallow
Marks	Face pockmarked and drawn
	Prominent nose
Build	Slender

Leaving the Oak Ridge Tavern Agent and officers visited various other known hangouts in Hillside in an effort to determine the possibility of Volney Davis still being located in that town. No information was obtained along that line. Agent and officers visited among these various taverns one roadhouse known as the Spanish Gardens and operated by "Doc" Stacy. It is noted here that this roadhouse is located within 1/8 of a mile of the Oak Ridge Tavern from which the call was made presumably by Volney Davis to Tulsa, Oklahoma. It is therefore believed possible that after Volney Davis had made the call that he may have been in contact with "Doc" Stacy at the Spanish Gardens, because of the proximity of this roadhouse to the Oak Ridge Tavern.

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M. Chaffetz,  
Special Agent

On June 13, 1934, Special Agents S. P. Cowley and K. R. McIntire and Special Agent in Charge William Larson of the Detroit office, visited the Oak Ridge Tavern in Hillside, Illinois. It was not considered advisable at this time to interview Ed Foss, proprietor, openly, but this will perhaps be done in the near future. It is observed that the Oak Ridge Tavern is located on Roosevelt Road about an eighth of a mile West of Mannheim Road. A map of this area has been prepared by Special Agent McIntire and will be retained in the files of this office.

At the time of the above mentioned Agents' visit to the Oak Ridge Tavern, there were only two women patrons and no automobiles were observed. It was ascertained that there are several sleeping and housekeeping rooms above this tavern, which would make an ideal place for a hideout for gangsters. However, this matter will be gone into more thoroughly in the near future.

Through the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, all of the toll calls made to and emanating from the telephone at the Oak Ridge Tavern, number Hillside 912, were secured from February through June 14, 1934. Said records disclosed the telephone call made on June 11, 1934 to Tulsa, Oklahoma, telephone No. 2-7866. No information of value was disclosed by a check of the toll calls from Hillside 912. They are very numerous, however, and in order to make a more thorough examination the phone calls have been outlined according to their frequency and those numbers which appear to have been called on numerous occasions will be investigated. A list of these telephone calls is being retained in this office for future reference and investigation.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CHICAGO DIVISION OFFICE will conduct appropriate investigation at the Oak Ridge Tavern and also at "Doc" Stacey's tavern known as the Club Spanish, one eighth of a mile east of the Oak Ridge Tavern.

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TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. 1219; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Joe Middleton who was reported to have information regarding Karpis Barker gang, questioned and found to have none.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>  <p>REFERENCE: Letter of Assistant Director Harold Nathan, Chicago, Illinois, to St. Paul Division office, May 5, 1934.</p>  <p>DETAILS:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: 20px auto; text-align: center; line-height: 100px;"> </div>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>S. P. Cowley</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		<p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">7-576-2258</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JUN 27 1934</p>	
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DETAILS:

The following information was furnished the St. Paul Division Office in a letter by Assistant Director Harold Nathan under date of May 5, 1934, in which he advised that a reporter of the Chicago DAILY NEWS told him confidentially that on that morning, May 5, 1934, that one of this newspaper's informants had stated that he had heard that plans were afoot to kidnap one "Shields" prominent St. Paul business man. No other details were obtained, or obtainable.

On May 21, 1934, one Joe Middleton, 6201 Blackstone Avenue, Chicago, Illinois called at the Chicago Division Office, and was interviewed by Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis. Middleton advised that he had done some work on the Hamm and Bremer cases, stating that he was sent to St. Paul, Minnesota by a Mr. William E. Furlong of 8019 South Carpenter Street, Chicago. He stated Furlong is a lawyer. Middleton at this time stated to Mr. Purvis that he had warned Bremer, through a newspaper reporter from the ST. PAUL DAILY TIMES, or NEWS, four or five months before he was kidnaped, that he was to be kidnaped. He stated he obtained his information from a woman by the name of "Nellie" who was befriended by him some years ago; that she told him Bremer was to be kidnaped. He stated she has recently informed him that a man by the name of "Shields" in St. Paul, Minnesota, is to be kidnaped. He was unable to furnish any details as to Shields initials or his first name, or his business connections in St. Paul. This is apparently in line with the information furnished Mr. Nathan, as reported above. Middleton described Nellie as being 30-35 years of age, 12-130#, 5'4" or 5", reddish hair.

Middleton stated to Mr. Purvis that the Karpis and Barker outfit play around on the south and southeast sides of Chicago; that this outfit does not drink heavily, and are not narcotic addicts. He states they are unusually clever. Mr. Middleton desired to be furnished with an automobile, which, of course, was denied him, and stated that he was willing to work for the sum of \$6.00 per day.

This matter was taken up with the Director, who granted authority to employ Middleton as a confidential informant at the rate of \$6.00 per day for a period of three days to determine whether he could produce information concerning the whereabouts of Barker and Karpis.

On May 22, 1934, Joe Middleton again called at the Chicago Division Office by request, and was interviewed by Special Agent R. D. Brown.

It was found that Middleton is extremely deaf, and it was necessary to shout in talking to him. He is described as follows:

55 years of age  
5'8-1/2"  
150#  
Blond hair, turning gray  
Slender build  
Receding forehead  
Brown eyes, shifty  
Sallow complexion, and drawn  
Teeth very poor, with receding gums.  
Unmarried  
Residence, 6201 Blackstone Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
Occupation - Informant.

During the interview with Middleton, he furnished the same information as given by him to Mr. Purvis with the exception that he stated he does not know Karpis under that name, but knew him as Korpis; that he met Korpis in Wisconsin last summer, at which time he also met one of the Barker boys and Harry Campbell. He claims to know them very well, but would not inform agent as to where the meeting took place, and under what circumstances. When asked for the reason for refusing to give this information, he stated that he did not care to go into that angle. He went on to state that a St. Paul newspaper offered a reward of \$30,000 for information which would lead to the apprehension and conviction of the persons who kidnaped William Hamm, Jr. in 1933. He stated that he obtained information from "Nellie", whose last name he does not know, and whose present address he does not know, but whom he claims he can contact. Nellie informed him sometime during August, 1933, shortly after the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr. that Karpis, and one of the Barker boys were responsible for the kidnaping of Hamm; that he had obtained information that Hamm was held in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He stated that she explained to him the exact house in which Mr. Hamm was held in Eau Claire, and that he has examined the house, and found that it contained all of the outside features described by Mr. Hamm. He stated that he furnished information as to the location of this house to Mr. William E. Furlong, an attorney, who, he states, resides at 8019 S. Carpenter Street, Chicago; that Furlong has befriended him on occasions in the past, and that he furnished this information to Furlong and was paid approximately \$6.00 per day by Furlong in investigating the house at Eau Claire, Wisconsin and attempting to locate the Barker and "Korpis" contact points in Wisconsin. Middleton's statement as to his connection with the Hamm kidnaping case were very vague, and it was difficult to pin him down on any certain statement.

The photographs of all the suspects in the Bremer case, together with other photographs which have no bearing on this case, were then shown Middleton. He examined them closely, but was unable to identify any of them as being the Barkers, Karpis, Campbell or other suspects. He stated that the photograph of Alvin Karpis does not resemble the Korpis that he knows, in any way. When first shown the photographs, he was not informed as to the identity of the persons. He was then asked to explain his inability to identify any of the photographs, and he merely made the statement "I do not believe in pictures, anyway". Middleton then stated that he wanted at least



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\$10.00 immediately to start his investigation and it appeared to agent that he was becoming restless and his actions indicated the possibility that he was a narcotic addict, and needed a "shot".

Agent then secured from Middleton a map drawn by him, showing the exact location, according to his information, of the house in which he stated Mr. Hamm was held in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He was unable to state the names of the streets, and it is believed by agent that the diagram will probably be useless. However, a copy of this map is being retained in the file of the Hamm kidnaping case which will be forwarded to the St. Paul Division office for investigation.

It was the opinion of this agent that Middleton has no connections whatsoever, and that he is merely a chiseler. The Division was so advised in a teletype dated May 22, 1934.

The following information was submitted by Special Agents E. L. Richmond and M. Cheffetz on May 22, 1934, which records an interview with Mr. William E. Furlong, the attorney referred to by Middleton:

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"Mr. William E. Furlong of 8019 South Carpenter Street was interviewed and furnished the following information. He stated that he has known a man by the name of Middleton for a period of about twelve years, having first met him while they were employed by the Continental Bolt and Iron Works of this city. He also stated that about two years ago, Middleton got into the habit of dropping in to his office to see him, and that on all occasions starting from that time he would give Middleton a dollar or so a day since Middleton was out of work, and needed money. He stated that about three days after the Hamm kidnaping, which he thought to be June 15, 1933, Middleton came to him and informed him that he heard there was going to be some "easy sugar" up in Wisconsin in a few days, and that he also overheard a conversation from which he had gathered information leading him to believe that he could locate the three men responsible for the Hamm kidnaping. He asked Furlong if he wanted to work with Middleton in locating these men, and thus get in line for the reward that had been offered by a newspaper in St. Paul. Furlong replied that he would do this, and in order to get complete information on the reward, he went to St. Paul where he contacted Howard Kahn, editor of the Daily News, which newspaper was offering this reward.

Upon being questioned, Mr. Furlong stated that he had no definite knowledge as to who the kidnapers were supposed to be other than the information furnished him by Middleton and this information consisted of a description, but no name. He also stated that the only definite clue that he could think of in solving the case was a house in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, which was supposed to be the house in which Hamm was kept. It was Furlong's opinion that if this house could be determined to be the one in which Hamm was kept, the information furnished by Middleton was probably correct. Mr. Furlong also stated that he tried to get Mr. Kwan or a gentleman by the name of Lynch or Lane, who are in the office of Mr. Kincaid, County Attorney, St. Paul, to work with him in determining whether this house was the correct one. After failing in his attempts to get cooperation from these various people, and since the date of the reward had run out, he dropped the entire matter, and figured that he had just been sinking money fruitlessly.

Following is a description of Mr. William Furlong:

Height	6' 5"
Weight	200 lbs.
Build	Rather thin
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Gray
Complexion	Ruddy; close shaven
Occupation	Practicing attorney
Scars	Cleft in chin
Peculiarities	Small ears set close to head

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Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219.  
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING

With a copy of Division letter dated June 15, 1934, addressed to the Oklahoma City Office in the above captioned case the Kansas City Office received appropriate copies of the photograph of William Weaver, alias William Donald, a known associate of the Barker-Karpis gang, the original of this photograph having been obtained from the Oklahoma City Police Department.

There are being transmitted herewith, for your use in investigation in the above captioned case, three copies of each of two views, these being copies of the photographs furnished in above described Division letter.

In its letter the Division comments that, according to persons who know Weaver, the attached photograph is believed to be a very good likeness of him; the Division letter further indicating that the photograph was taken on March 15, 1935, at which time Weaver was described as follows:

AGE	27 years.
HEIGHT	5'8"
WEIGHT	146 pounds.
HAIR	Chestnut
EYES	Steel blue
COMPLEXION	Fair
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JUN 27 1934

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Very truly yours,  
JUN 28 1934

R. E. PATTON, Acting  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

cc - Division, St. Paul,  
Chicago, St. Louis, Dallas, San Antonio.

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June 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

During telephonic conversation this evening, Agent in Charge Blake at Dallas, Texas, advised that they had investigated the matter at Shamrock Texas, in which T. C. Gordon was involved, and that there was nothing to it.

Very truly yours,

Director.

*Edw. H. Bremer*

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ALIAS WILLIAM BAKER U. S. PENITENTIARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE NUMBER 39727 ALIAS  
MILTON SNYDER, KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY NUMBER 9885 U. S. PENITENTIARY  
MCNEIL ISLAND NUMBER 5554, WHO HAS ALSO SERVED 1 YEAR IN COUNTY JAIL  
AT LOS ANGELES ON A CHARGE OF PETIT LARCENY UNDER NAME H. B. MCPRIDE,  
AND 100 DAYS IN COOK COUNTY JAIL UNDER ANNY NAME OF WILLIAM BAKER ON A  
CHARGE OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT, CAME TO THIS OFFICE THIS AFTERNOON AND  
STATED THAT HE IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF ALVIN KARPIS AND ARTHUR BARKER  
AND THAT HE IS WILLING TO OBTAIN AND SUBMIT INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR  
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June 25, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Mr. Cowley and inquired whether anything had been done with regard to the leak which occurred in connection with McGrath. Mr. Cowley stated that nothing had been done and he was advised that it would not be necessary to make any reference to the activities of Mr. McGrath to Judge Stone inasmuch as it would appear that any information which McGrath has concerning this Division he has secured from Agents of our Division. I told Mr. Cowley that definite instructions should be issued to all Agents that under no circumstances should they discuss with or disclose to a probation officer or any other persons the details of this Division's investigative activities. I advised Mr. Cowley that the information which has been furnished to date has been substantially correct and must have directly or indirectly originated in the Chicago Office.

With regard to the three women placed on probation by Judge Stone, I advised Mr. Cowley that the Division was strongly opposed to this procedure and the Judge can not claim at this date that he placed them on probation so that Agents of this Division could keep them under surveillance for the purpose of locating the Dillinger gang. I informed Mr. Cowley that no matter what the Judge's views are in the matter or the views of the probation officer, if we have any information which would indicate that these three women are in touch with the Dillinger gang, we have a perfect right to keep them under surveillance.

Mr. Cowley advised that information did reach McGrath through Division Agents in regard to the Conforti woman inasmuch as when she left, she was not under surveillance and he, Mr. Cowley, had previously told McGrath she was not because of Judge Stone's criticism of it. McGrath had reported to Judge Stone that we had picked up this woman and Judge Stone informed Agent McCarthy that he would not tolerate the picking up of this woman.

Mr. Cowley further advised that when Marie Conforti disappeared, they got some pretty good information from the girl who had gone over to Marie Conforti's apartment to get her for Van Meter. When this happened, McGrath started to conduct investigation as to how she disappeared and all of the circumstances in order to get her probation revoked. In order to keep him from meddling around, Mr. Cowley informed Mr. McGrath that Marie Conforti had disappeared, probably with Van Meter, as otherwise McGrath would have interviewed the different witnesses and probably obtained the same information. By telling Mr. McGrath that she had disappeared, Mr. Cowley stated he thus kept this other agency from injecting itself into our investigation, which, of course, he had a right to do. Mr. Cowley did, however, tell Mr. McGrath that she was not under surveillance at the time she disappeared and thus there was no basis in the statement that she had eluded us.

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I advised Mr. Cowley to issue specific instructions that no one was to talk to anyone at all about this case and to make these instructions as strong as possible. In regard to Judge Stone and McGrath, I told Mr. Cowley that no matter what they think about this matter, we should proceed along the lines that look right to us.

I asked Mr. Cowley whether he had informed Mr. McGrath that we had rented an apartment near the three women and he stated he had not informed him about this because this had happened before his arrival and in fact no apartment had been rented near Marie Conforti. He further stated that he did not know about the apartment at the time he talked with McGrath. When Mr. Cowley first arrived in Chicago, he had a conference with Mr. McGrath in an endeavor to solicit his cooperation, at which time Mr. McGrath informed him that that was the first time the Chicago office had shown any signs of cooperation. Mr. Cowley states he can see now why the Chicago office has not cooperated with Mr. McGrath. I told Mr. Cowley that when I was in Chicago last, there seemed to be considerable fear and hesitancy about fooling with him because he might not like this or that. I informed Mr. Cowley that in view of recent developments, we will have to take the attitude of doing things our own way no matter what his opinion is in the matter.

Mr. Cowley asked about the rewards being offered by the Attorney General and I informed him that \$10,000 had been offered for the capture of John Dillinger and \$5,000 for information leading to his arrest and that \$5,000 had been offered for the capture of Lester M. Gillis and \$2500 for information leading to his capture. Mr. Cowley stated that in his opinion this was unfortunate inasmuch as parties working for the reward will not take the Division in on it inasmuch as they only get half of the reward for information and all of the reward if they capture Dillinger or Gillis.

In connection with Mr. Rust of Fort Wayne, Indiana, in whose house on May 9th, 1934, VanMeter and Dillinger stopped, Mr. Cowley advised that a week ago today, June 18th, 1934, Harry Van Meter, brother of Homer Van Meter came to Rust's place and told him that he had seen Homer about 30 days ago, at which time Homer stated he would like to see Rust and would come back in about 30 days. Harry VanMeter told Rust that he had told Homer he would meet him at Rust's place. Rust told Harry that this puts him in an embarrassing position but inasmuch as he had told them that they could always stop at his home, if they put in their appearance, he would notify Harry. This visit should take place between now and Thursday. Mr. Cowley stated they have three Agents in Rust's house all heavily armed with machine guns or shot guns, namely Agents McLaughlin, Murphy and Winstead. He stated they also have several informants who seem to be making contacts all the time with people that know Dillinger and VanMeter and Mr. Cowley feels that are progressing to a certain extent in this connection.

With regard to the informant McBride who claimed to be acquainted with Barker and Karpis, Mr. Cowley advised that he paid him \$25.00 and told him he would not receive any more money until he could produce something worth while. McBride then went over to Maloney, a newspaper man, and gave him the same information he had given to Mr. Cowley. Maloney telephoned Mr. Purvis



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and stated he had an informant who would not work with law enforcement officials but only with newspaper men. Purvis sent Agent Ryan over and it developed that it was the same individual. Ryan went with McBride and they located Vivian Holden who is living in an apartment on 63d Street. McBride has taken an apartment across the street and told Agent Ryan that he expects Barker and Karpis to arrive in a couple of days. Mr. Cowley does not believe there is anything in this but states he feels like it should not be ignored. McBride, the informant, is under the impression that Agent Ryan is a newspaper man. Last night McBride called Mr. Cowley and stated he might have something good in a day or two and did not indicate that he was working for the newspaper people. Mr. Maloney is connected with the Chicago Tribune.

Mr. Cowley stated that in the event McBride produced anything definite and called for a Government Agent to assist him, they would call Ryan in and send out another Agent with him. I advised Mr. Cowley that it might be a good idea to keep Ryan with him too and he stated they would watch this for several days and see what happens.

I advised Mr. Cowley that I would see him in Chicago on Wednesday morning. In connection with the hideout proposition, Mr. Cowley stated this looked very good and they have discontinued all telephonic communications. Mr. Cowley will keep the Division advised as to all developments.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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AGENT FROM AT PALMYRA WISCONSIN, TEN MILES NORTH OF WHITE WATER ADVISES THAT HE HAS LOCATED FIVE MEN AT WHITE WATER WHO IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF ALVIN KARPIS AND TWO MEN WHO IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF FRED BARKER AS BEING SEEN ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS IN PALMYRA DURING LATTER PART OF JANUARY OF THIS YEAR DRIVING A BUICK SEDAN SIMILAR TO THE ONE USED IN THE KIDNAPING OF BREMER BEARING MINNESOTA LICENSE PLATES. THREE OTHER MEN WERE SEEN WITH KARPIS AND BARKER WHOSE IDENTITIES ARE UNKNOWN. A RESTAURANT OPERATOR IDENTIFIED KARPIS AND BARKER AS BEING TWO OF FIVE MEN WHO AT ONE TIME DURING THE LATTER PART OF JANUARY ATE IN HIS RESTAURANT AND STATED THAT KARPIS STOOD AT THE DOOR WHILE THE OTHERS ATE. ONE WITNESS STATED THAT SOON AFTER BREMER WAS RELEASED HE SAW HIS PHOTOGRAPH IN NEWSPAPERS AND BELIEVED THAT HE WAS ONE OF THE FIVE MEN SEEN IN THIS VICINITY. IT IS ALSO REPORTED THAT THESE MEN WERE SEEN IN A NEW OLDSMOBILE SEDAN. ONE WITNESS TOOK THE LICENSE NUMBER OF BUICK SEDAN BUT UP TO DATE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE IT. FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONTINUED.

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AGENT BROWN ADVISES THAT MAN AND WOMAN OPERATING GROCERY STORE AT  
 PALMYRA IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF HARRIS, ARTHUR BARKER AND HARRY  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Brantley telephoned and requested information as to rewards being offered for various gangsters and stated he had received several inquiries in this connection. I advised him that \$10,000 reward was being offered for the capture of Dillinger and \$5,000 for information leading to his arrest; also \$5,000 for the capture of Baby Face Nelson and \$2,500 for information leading to his capture.

Mr. Brantley stated that several items had appeared in the newspapers there to the effect that \$5,000 reward would be paid for the capture of Alvin Karpis and the Barker Brothers or \$1,000 for information leading to their arrest. I told Mr. Brantley there was nothing to this and it was not likely that rewards would be offered for any other criminals inasmuch as the total funds available were \$25,000 and \$22,500 has already been covered.

I asked Mr. Brantley whether any new developments had taken place in regard to the situation at Shamrock, Texas being handled by Mr. Blake and he stated nothing has been done and apparently there is nothing to it.

Mr. Brantley advised he went to Tulsa last night to see an informant who claims he can find out something about the Barkers and Karpis but nothing has materialized. He stated he would keep the Division advised if anything develops. I told him to do this and also advise the Division as to the status of anything appearing in newspapers relating to any of these matters.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Lester	
Chief Clerk	
Mr. Tamm	✓

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul File 7-30

Dear Sir:

This communication relates to Mr. Edward G. Bremer,  
Victim.

It should be borne in mind that Harry Sawyer has been described and is commonly known as the "big shot" underworld character in the Twin Cities, particularly in St. Paul, and he is a known contact for the Dillinger gang of bank robbers and the Barker-Karpis gang of kidnapers and bank robbers. He has been missing from his usual haunts and habitats for the past several months. We have been informed that he had telephoned to a local contact that he doubted that the Federal Government had anything on him in the nature of evidence and he felt that he must return on account of his extensive holdings of property.

During the past week Victim Bremer came to the office and confidentially talked with Special Agent J. E. Brennan about Harry Sawyer, stating that he understood that Sawyer was trying to dispose of his property locally, and Bremer inquired if there were any warrants out for Sawyer or if the Federal Government was looking for him. Agent Brennan advised that he knew of no outstanding process for the arrest of Sawyer, whereupon Bremer remarked that he would probably try to get word to "Harry" for him to return to the city if he cared to.

Yesterday I was informed by United States Attorney George F. Sullivan, of St. Paul, that Mr. Bremer had made similar inquiries of him; that Mr. Sullivan had informed Bremer that there was no outstanding process for Sawyer but that it might be that the agents of this Division would like to question Sawyer. Thus we have a strange alliance between the Victim and the Subjects.

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It will be recalled that Myrtle Eaton is the wife of "Doc" Eaton, an ex-convict, and is believed to be the present and known to be the recent mistress of Bill Weaver alias Phoenix Donald, a member of the Barker-Karpis gang of kidnapers. It is known that the Barker-Karpis group held many parties and frequently visited at the apartment of Myrtle Eaton at 565 Portland Avenue in St. Paul. It has likewise been ascertained that Andy Rothmeyer has been the "sugar daddy" for Myrtle Eaton for sometime. Since "Doc" Eaton disappeared from the Twin Cities, Andy Rothmeyer has been paying Myrtle Eaton's rent and buying her furniture and was until sometime in 1933, a frequent visitor at Myrtle Eaton's apartment. We have had his mail covered and his telephone calls checked trying to effect the location of Myrtle Eaton through him.

On June 20, 1934, Andy Rothmeyer came to this Division office, accompanied by Victim Edward G. Bremer. Bremer introduced him to Mr. Ladd as "my life long friend" and in the presence of Bremer, Rothmeyer explained that he had gone out to the building located at 565 Portland Avenue to see about making arrangements for the disposal of the furniture of Myrtle Eaton which she has insured for \$3,000.00 and he had been informed by the manager that the place was under observation by Federal Agents. He explained that he was afraid to enter the apartment for fear he might be shot. He stated he wanted to collect the furniture and belongings of Myrtle Eaton and store them, in accordance with an understanding he had with her when she left in February, when he last saw her, this understanding being to the effect that in the event Myrtle Eaton had not returned by June 15, 1934, Rothmeyer was to store the furniture and to obtain a lien against it so that he could hold it intact for her. Thus we have another strange associate of Victim Bremer.

Yesterday morning I talked with Victim Bremer at his office in the bank for about thirty minutes and the only caller at his desk was a woman who identified herself as a "hustling" woman and she desired to obtain release of funds held in a joint account. Mr. Bremer fixed this matter up for her in a satisfactory manner.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,  
Inspector.

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REPORT MADE AT: DALLAS, TEXAS.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-25-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6/20 & 23/34	REPORT MADE BY: E.J. DOWD.
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS - FUGITIVE - I.O. #1218. ARTHUR R. BARKER - FUGITIVE - I.O. #1219; et al. EDWARD G. BREMER (Victim).			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Howard L. McNeel, route #1, Electra, Texas, is brother-in-law of Harry Campbell. The latter's sister Myrtle McNeel regularly corresponds with her sister Laura Campbell at Worrell Hotel, Rochester, Minn. Other mail received and forwarded to Los Angeles, California. Rural carrier W.N. Owen, who immediately identified photograph of Harry Campbell as being at home of Howard L. McNeel about year ago, states he will carefully watch all incoming and outgoing mail to and from the McNeels, advising Dallas Division.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Telegram from Inspector Clegg, St. Paul, Minn., dated June 18, 1934.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>The writer interviewed O.N. Richardson, postmaster, and F.S. Keller, Assistant Postmaster, who stated that they were not acquainted with the McNeels, who received mail on route 1 out of Electra, Texas; that the McNeel farm was located some 17 miles from Electra, and the mail was picked up and delivered by rural carrier W.N. Owen, the latter being at Vernon, Texas at the time the writer called at the post office.</p> <p>Discreet inquiry regarding the McNeels was made by the writer through [REDACTED] but no information was on file regarding McNeel or his family.</p> <p>Upon interviewing W.N. Owen, the latter stated that he was well acquainted with Howard L. McNeel, a man about 45 or 50 years of age, who was</p>			
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employed as an oil pumper, and lived on a farm with his family located 15 miles South of Electra, 1 1/2 miles East and another 1 1/2 miles South, route #1, going out from Electra, Texas on Texas State Highway No. 25. He stated that Howard L. McNeel married Myrtle Campbell, a sister of Laura Campbell, who is now visiting Rochester, Minnesota, and received mail care of the Norrell Hotel. He further stated that Howard L. McNeel and his wife Myrtle Campbell McNeel have four children, viz.: George W. McNeel, age 19; Leona McNeel, age 18; F.B. McNeel, age 15 and Nadina McNeel, age 12; that for some time Nadina McNeel was at Tulsa, Oklahoma, with Laura Campbell; that in addition to receiving and sending mail to Laura Campbell at the Norrell Hotel, Rochester, Minnesota, mail is received and sent to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Los Angeles, California. According to Rural Carrier Owen, it appears that Myrtle McNeel receives and sends all the mail.

The writer exhibited to Mr. W.N. Owen, photographs of Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, and Harry Campbell. Without any hesitation whatever on the part of Mr. Owen, he picked out the photograph of Harry Campbell, stating that he saw him about a year ago dressed in khaki pants and laced boots in company with George W. McNeel, and two or three other men, when they all drove to the post office for mail. Since that time, Mr. Owen stated that he has not seen Harry Campbell; that the four other men mentioned above, to his knowledge, have never been at the McNeel Farm.

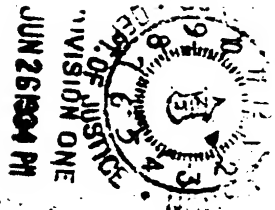
Under pretext of buying oil leases, the writer drove to the McNeel Farm and there interviewed Mrs. Myrtle Campbell McNeel, and while in the house was able to observe only a young lady there, who probably is the oldest daughter of Mrs. McNeel. She stated that her husband, Howard L. McNeel, has been employed for some time as an oil pumper for T.O. Chappel, oil promoter. From discreet inquiries from two neighboring farmers in the vicinity and Agent's personal observation, there was no indication that any strangers lived at the McNeel home.

Rural Carrier W.N. Owen stated that he is well acquainted with the McNeel family; that he visits them from time to time, and believes it will be an easy matter for him to receive information, if any, as to the present whereabouts of Harry Campbell. He suggested to the writer that he would be willing to cover all incoming and outgoing mail, and notify the Dallas Division Office where mail is being addressed and received from. In this connection, he stated that the only suspicious mail he knows of at the present time is being received from and addressed to Los Angeles, California.

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P. O. Box #709  
Portland, Oregon

June 22, 1934



Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
318 Hewes Building,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.  
#1219, et al., Edward George Bremer -  
Victim. Kidnaping

Reference is made to report of Special Agent Louis D. Wine, dated June 11, 1934 at Salt Lake City, Utah, in the above entitled matter and particularly to the undeveloped leads for the attention of the Portland office pertaining to the location of Patricia Constance Bentz, minor child of Ted Bentz. I am writing you to advise that Patricia Bentz is undoubtedly with Anna Gallows, divorced wife of Ted Bentz, whose address is in San Francisco and known to the San Francisco office. It is accordingly suggested that verification be made of the location of Patricia Bentz in accordance with the lead contained in the report referred to.

Very truly yours,

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St. Paul  
Salt Lake City

C. C. SPEARS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

June 7, 1934.

Mr. J. H. Rice,  
General Delivery,  
Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
I. O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I. O. 1219; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
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From a review of the files in the St. Paul office, that office has determined that the following towns in Wisconsin have four or more possibilities of being the town in which the hideout is located. By "possibilities" it is understood that in each town there are present four or more sounds heard by Bremer during his confinement. The following are towns containing four or more possibilities:

Fox Lake	Milwaukee
Beaver Dam	Cudahy
Horicon	Racine
Rockfield	Lake Geneva
Granville	Williams Bay
West Allis	

A similar review disclosed the following towns in Wisconsin having at least three possibilities contained in the town in which the hideout is located:

Iron Ridge	Thiensville
Singer	Hartland

Mr. R. E. Newby, who is supervising the Bremer case in Washington, has expressed the desire that an investigation be made at Delavan, Wisconsin, and the towns in close proximity to Delavan, in an effort to locate the hideout. It is observed that there is a morning and evening factory whistle at Delavan and a siren at Darien, and it is possible that a combination of sounds heard in this vicinity may be comparable to those heard by victim Bremer. It is further observed that during January and February of 1934 numerous airplanes

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were flying from Whitewater, Wisconsin, into adjoining territory, and these may have been the airplanes heard by Mr. Bremer.

It is requested that you immediately commence investigating the towns noted in this letter. The towns having four possibilities and those having three possibilities should be grouped in your report separately. It is requested that each evening you telegraphically advise this office as to the towns covered during the day.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

June 7, 1934.

Mr. H. H. Clegg, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
I. O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I. O. 1219; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Reference is made to letter of Inspector Clegg, St. Paul, Minnesota, June 1, 1934, to the Director, a copy of which was sent to this office, which contains towns in Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana, in this district, having three or four possibilities of being the town in which the Bremer hideout is located. Reference is also made to the teletype message from the St. Paul office of June 5, 1934, in the above entitled case. Please be advised that the following towns in Wisconsin, in the Chicago district, having four or more possibilities which have already been covered by this office are as follows:

Whitewater

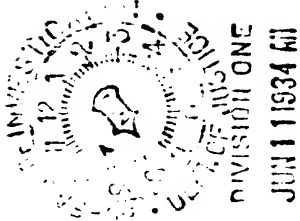
Towns in Illinois with four possibilities already covered:

Blue Island	Maywood
Brookfield	Morton Grove
Davis	Niles Center
Fox River Grove	Ottawa
Glenview	Rochelle
Glen Ellyn	Roselle
Homewood	Riverside
Joliet	

Towns in Illinois with three possibilities already covered:

Albany	Crete
Arlington Heights	Dixon
Bellwood	Elmhurst
Bensenville	Evanston
Berwyn	Fort Sheridan

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Frankfort	Oak Forest
Highwood	Pecatonica
Itasca	Plano
Lena	Rockford
Lockport	Tinley Park
Maple Park	Wilmington
Midlothian	Waukegan
North Aurora	Addison

Towns in Wisconsin with three possibilities already covered:

Beloit	Menasha
Denmark	Oshkosh
De Pere	Hilbert
Grafton	

Before this matter is closed the reports on those towns which are noted herein as having already been covered will be carefully read and if it is felt that investigation in said towns has been conducted in too cursory a fashion, further investigation will be authorized in such towns.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

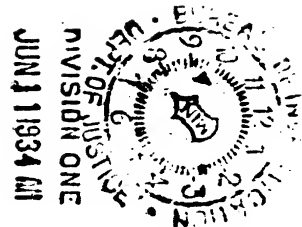
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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

June 7, 1934.

Mr. M. F. Glynn,  
Wright Hotel,  
Lancaster, Wisconsin.



Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
I. O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I. O. 1219; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

From a review of the file in the St. Paul office, that office has determined that the following towns in Wisconsin have four or more possibilities of being the town containing the hideout in which Bremer was held. By "possibilities" it is meant that four or more of the sounds heard by Bremer are present in the following towns:

Kohler	Maplewood
New Holstein	Gillett
Weyauwega	Crandon

The same review disclosed that the following towns in Wisconsin have at least three possibilities of being the town in which the Bremer hideout is located:

Adell	Hortonville
Sheboygan Falls	Shiocton
Kiel	Big Falls
Oakfield	Marion
Rosendale	Wittenberg
Vandyne	

It is requested that you immediately discontinue the work that you are now on and proceed to the said towns and conduct a very thorough investigation with respect to the hideout. It is requested that you report on each class of towns separately in the same report, considering each as a group. Please advise this office telegraphically each evening as to the towns noted above which you have covered during the day.

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Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Division  
St. Paul



1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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JUN 25 1934  
June 25, 1934.

Mr. A. L. Faletti,  
Postmaster,  
Spring Valley, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is respectfully requested that you institute a thirty day mail cover on all mail received at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, Spring Valley, Illinois.

It is observed that Special Agents L. C. Jamison and K. R. McIntire of this office have held previous conversation with you on this subject.

It will be appreciated if you will refer all tracings to this office immediately upon their receipt, and please refer to our file No. 7-82.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

MR:MG

CC: Division

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>6/23/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>6-20-21-22/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>E. L. Richman - LHM</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. 1219; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Investigation fails to disclose present whereabouts of Dr. Moran, Slim Gray or James Wilson. A letter received by the sister-in-law of Slim Gray from J. E. Fisher, 502 Myrtle Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, dated June 20th, 1934.</p> <p>DETAILS: Referring to pages 73 and 74 of the report of reference it will be noted that Mr. Otto Schroeder is the Manager of the apartment house located at 826 Waveland Avenue, at which apartment house Roy Gray, alias Slim Gray, had his apartment. Agent interviewed Mr. Schroeder for any further information that he might have in regard to Slim Gray or his relatives. Mr. Schroeder reiterated the statements already contained in the report of reference but he further stated that he believed that Mrs. Gray had relatives from St. Paul Minnesota, or at least someplace near St. Paul, Minnesota. He stated that he based this statement on the fact that last fall when the apartment was laying in coal, one of the visitors at the Gray's apartment had his car parked in the street and the coal company truck had dumped coal all around the car. In this connection he had entered into conversation with the owner of the car and found out that the car, which bore Minnesota license plates, was from someplace near St. Paul.</p> <p>Referring to page 90 of the report of reference, it will be noted that Mr. William Miller, Manager of the Graceland Garage, 3729 Broadway, Chicago,</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>S. P. Cowley</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>7-576-2269</b> <b>JUN 28 1934</b>	
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(the garage in which Slim Gray kept his car.) On page 92 it will be noted that Mr. Sam Miller of 539 Addison Street, Chicago, was introduced at the garage as Mr. Miller by Slim Gray. In addition to reiterating the facts contained in the report of reference, Mr. William Miller stated that he had neither seen nor heard of Slim Gray since the time that Agents had raided Mr. Gray's apartment and taken Mr. Gray's automobile from the garage. When questioned concerning the last time he had seen Sam Miller he stated that he had neither seen nor heard of Sam Miller since the time he received a call at the garage to pick up Mr. Miller's car. This incident is related on page 93 of the report of reference. Mr. William Miller was able to give no information as to the whereabouts of either Slim Gray or Sam Miller.

Agent interviewed Mr. Anton Diechstetter, who is the mail carrier covering 639 Addison Street, Chicago. Mr. Diechstetter was interviewed at the Lakeview Post Office, located at 3245 Sheffield Avenue, Chicago. He stated that he had not seen Sam Miller for quite some time but that that was not unusual due to the fact that Mr. Miller travelled a great deal and was out of his apartment for days at a time. Mr. Diechstetter further stated that about one week ago he had seen Mrs. Sam Miller when she came to him from the window of her apartment and asked him if he had any mail for her. In this connection it might be stated that a letter has been written to the Postmaster of Chicago, Illinois, placing a mail cover on this address for a period of thirty days.

Agent interviewed Mrs. E. A. Prints, Manager of the apartment house located at 525 Cornelia Street. Mrs. Prints is mentioned in the report of reference on page 90 as the landlady who manages the apartment house in which Mr. and Mrs. George Guymon are located. The Guymons are mentioned in the report of reference also on page 90. Mrs. Guymon is the sister of Mrs. Gray. Mrs. Prints looked at the photographs exhibited by Agent of various suspects in the above titled case but was unable to identify any more than she had previously identified when shown these pictures, as noted on page 90 of the report of reference. Mrs. Prints, however, was able to furnish the former address of Mrs. Guymon and stated that the Guymons moved in to her apartment from the Sheldrake Hotel, located at 2518 Clarendon Avenue. She further stated that Mrs. Guymon is not in much in the morning and comes in late in the afternoon; that she has company often and that she gets special delivery letters frequently.

She further stated that about two weeks ago a man came in with her in the late afternoon but that due to the fact that the man hung his head on one side she was unable to identify him clearly. However, she looked at the picture of Frisco Dutch Steinhardt. Mrs. Prints was not positive of the identification and the most she could say was that he was a man of the same type shown in the picture in that he was sort of rough and uncouth. Mrs. Prints further stated that about two weeks ago Mrs. Guymon believed that she was going to undergo a very serious operation and that she had appeared very nervous because of it. However, at the present time her doctor believes he can cure her ailment without an operation and Mrs. Guymon appears in much better spirits and health.

On May 8th, 1934, a special delivery letter came to Mrs. Guymon and since Mrs.

Guymon was not in Mrs. Prints signed for it. Mrs. Prints copied the return address of this letter and gave it to the Agent. The letter appeared to be from Mr. J. E. Fisher, 502 Myrtle Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. Prints stated that this letter was a rather heavy one. In regard to this address attention is called to the letter written by Mr. S. P. Cowley of this Office to the Kansas City Office, dated June 20th, 1934, in which it is stated that in the report of Special Agent F. S. Smith, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, entitled Russell Gibson, Fugitive - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, there is an undeveloped lead calling attention of the Kansas City Office to the fact that the mother-in-law of Roy Gray is said to be Mrs. Joseph Fisher, 502 Myrtle Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. While Agent was talking with Mrs. Prints, Mrs. Prints obtained the 'phone number of Mrs. Guymon, which is Bittersweet 4711. A letter was directed to the Illinois Bell Telephone Company requesting a check on all toll calls from this number since April 15th. A letter was also directed to the Postmaster of Chicago requesting that a mail cover be placed on all mail received by Mr. and Mrs. Gray.

Agent interviewed Mr. James Franklin, bell boy at the Irving Hotel, located at 4849 Irving Park Boulevard. James Franklin is mentioned in connection with this case on page 90 of the report of reference. Mr. Franklin was able to add no further information to that which he had already given this Office and he again reiterated all statements previously made.

Mr. Joseph H. Sanders, Desk Clerk at the Irving Hotel, was interviewed by Agent and shown pictures of suspects in this case and was able to identify none of them except Dr. Moran and Roy Gray. Mr. Sanders had been employed at the Hotel as Desk Clerk only for three weeks before Dr. Moran's disappearance from the Hotel and at that time he worked from nine in the morning until seven at night and consequently would not have been in a position to observe any friends of Dr. Moran calling at his rooms after seven o'clock.

Agent again interviewed Dr. Leo Mackey, mentioned in the report of reference on pages 28, 29 and 90. Dr. Mackey, the joint occupant of the office which he formerly occupied with Dr. Moran, stated that he had no further information on Dr. Moran's whereabouts and appeared very cooperative. He informed Agent that the day before Agent called all mail addressed to Dr. Moran had been picked up by the postal carrier and taken to the postal station. Dr. Mackey said that practically all of this mail was second class matter and was advertisements from medical supply houses. Agent called at the postal station, where he found that the Superintendent was out but the information clerk informed Agent that he remembered receiving those letters from Dr. Moran's office on the previous day and that they had all been sent back to the senders.

Miss Elizabeth Tracy, the woman who was engaged to marry Dr. Moran and who is mentioned in the report of reference on pages 59, 60 and 61, was again interviewed by Agent at the Chicago Office of the Division. At the time of the interview Miss Tracy came in company with a lawyer, Mr. Callahan, who stated that he did not know why Miss Tracy wanted him along and that he could see no reason for coming. Miss Tracy was shown the pictures of the suspects in this case and was unable to identify any of them. She reiterated her statements that although she

has known Dr. Moran for two years and had been engaged to him for quite a period of time, she was not acquainted with any of Dr. Moran's friends. She further stated that she did not know of any athletic activities in which Dr. Moran engaged and stated that Dr. Moran did not like to fish, did not have time for golf; that he was financially embarrassed, and that he was very overworked; consequently, he had neither time nor money to engage in any athletic activities. She further stated that the only recreation Dr. Moran ever had as long as she knew him was dates that he had with her on Sunday nights. She also stated that Dr. Moran had formerly been quite a heavy drinker but that during the last two years he had remained comparatively sober and it was only within the last two weeks of his disappearance that he had taken to drinking heavily again.

Miss Tracy appeared to be greatly disturbed due to the fact that she should be again questioned by Agent as to the whereabouts of Dr. Moran and stated that she did not know how she was going to bear up under this ordeal. In connection with Miss Tracy it might be noted that a letter has been written to the Postmaster of Chicago, Illinois requesting that a mail cover be placed on all mail addressed to Miss Tracy at her residence, 2718 North Ridgway and at the office in which she works, the Civil Service Commission, sixth floor, City Hall, Chicago.

In the report of reference it is stated on page 12 that a Mr. Frank J. Prindville was in some way connected with "Boss" McLaughlin. On page 14 of the report of reference it is noted that Mrs. Prindville is residing at 94th Street and Stony Island Avenue with her brother-in-law, Stanley Houle.

On page 8 of the report of reference it is noted that Stanley Houle, 1553 West 94th Street, Chicago, Illinois is employed as a Teller at the Mutual National Bank, 7844 South Halsted Street, Chicago. On the same page it is also noted that Philip J. Delaney said that he had changed \$24,000.00 in ransom money at this Bank and that he had believed that one of the tellers at the Bank was "fixed."

Agent went to the corner of 94th Street and Stony Island Avenue and found that no Mrs. Prindville was known in the neighborhood. Agent then went to 1553 West 94th Street, the home of Stanley Houle, and asked for Mrs. Prindville. Here Agent talked with Mrs. Houle, who stated that she did not know the address of Mrs. Prindville and that Mrs. Prindville had left there some time ago. Agent did not disclose why he wished to talk with Mrs. Prindville, nor did he disclose his identity. Agent then visited the Mutual National Bank, 7844 South Halsted Street, where he interviewed Mr. Stanley Houle. Mr. Houle gave Agent practically the same information as contained on pages 12, 13 and 14 of the report of reference and added that Mrs. Prindville was his wife's sister; that when Mr. Prindville disappeared he left Mrs. Prindville without a cent of money in the house and that he had invited Mrs. Prindville to make her home with him; that about three months ago Mr. and Mrs. Houle went out one night to a show and when they returned both Mrs. Prindville and her twelve-year old daughter had gone from their apartment and they left no word as to where they were going. Since that time they have not heard from Mrs. Prindville and Mr. Houle stated that Mrs. Prindville's mother was very much worried as to the whereabouts of Mrs. Prindville.

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Referring to the report made by Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, dated June 15th, 1934, it will be noted that [REDACTED] was a voluntary informant as to the whereabouts of Dr. Moran, Slim Gray and James Wilson.

[REDACTED] for the purpose of contacting [REDACTED] who is believed to know and is in contact with Dr. Moran and Slim Gray.

In addition to the information set forth in this report concerning the interview with Mr. Otto Schroeder, it might also be set forth that Mr. Schroeder stated that no one has attempted to get into the apartment of Slim Gray as far as he knows. Mr. Schroeder informed Agent that the apartment is still securely locked, and in order for anyone to get into this apartment he would first have to contact Mr. Schroeder or the janitor. As stated in previous reports the lock on the front door has been changed, so that any former keys will not operate the lock which is on the door at the present time. The back door is securely bolted on the inside. Mr. Schroeder further stated that about a week ago the janitor went to the apartment and found everything in much the same condition as it was at the time Slim Gray left the apartment. Mr. Schroeder told Agent that in the event anyone should make inquiries about this apartment, or should attempt to get into the apartment, he would immediately inform this Office. Mr. Schroeder has not as yet made up his mind as to how much longer he will allow the furnishings and fixtures of Slim Gray to remain in this apartment.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

Kansas City Office

Will ascertain whether or not J. E. Fisher, 502 Myrtle Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, is the mother-in-law of Roy Gray, alias Slim Gray, and consider the advisability of placing a mail cover at that address.

Chicago Office

Will keep in contact with Stanley W. Houle of 1553 West 94th Street, Chicago, Illinois, bearing in mind that Houle may have some connection with the lady as indicated on page 9 of the report of reference. Will consider the advisability of placing a wire tap on the phone Bittersweet 4711 in the apartment of George Guymon.

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# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
June 18, 1934

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Cowley	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
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Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Personal and Confidential

I desire to write you this letter because I do not think that you have been acquainted with the true facts as to what happened at the Oklahoma City office, Saturday, June 16th, relative to an alleged visit at this office by representatives of the Burns Detective Agency; also because I want you to know that I was not out of touch with this office more than twelve to fifteen minutes Saturday and the long distance operator did not call this office until after I had left the office at 5:40 P.M.

About ten o'clock Saturday morning Mr. J. A. Huff, local representative of the Burns Detective Agency, telephoned the Oklahoma City office and asked for Mr. Brantley. I advised Mr. Huff that Mr. Brantley was out of the city and upon Mr. Huff's inquiry as to when he would return, I told him about the middle of "next week". I then asked Mr. Huff if the matter about which he wished to see Mr. Brantley was urgent and if he cared to discuss it with me, or await Mr. Brantley's return. He replied, "Wait a moment", he apparently placing his hand over the transmitter. After a few moments Mr. Huff informed that he and a Burns representative (mentioning no name) would like to see me at 11:15 A.M. and would come to this office; that the other party mentioned by him was a Burns representative from Minneapolis and he was in a hurry to leave town; that they had some information relative to the possible location of Jim Clark. No mention was made by Mr. Huff of any other person. I told Mr. Huff that we are working on the case and had received information as to Clark's whereabouts which possibly would fit in with his information and that I would expect them at 11:15. I then called Special Agent Frank Smith and advised him of the telephone conversation with Mr. Huff, telling Mr. Smith that I desired that he be present when Mr. Huff and his associate called. Both Mr. Smith and I were at the office all day; in fact I did not

*Write Black & tell him I  
am glad he wrote me & that I  
understand the situation. J. E. V.*

*Black*

go to lunch until after 2:00 P.M., expecting that Mr. Huff would arrive. Mr. Huff did not come to the office, made no further contact and did not telephone me to cancel the appointment. No further conversation was held with Mr. Huff by me or any other Agent at this office.

I understand from Special Agent in Charge Brantley that Mr. Gordon, the associate of Mr. Huff, advised his New York office, who in turn advised you, that they came to this office and that no one in the office knew anything about the matter that they desired to discuss and as a result the Barkers and Alvin<sup>O</sup>Karpis escaped and if quick action was not taken Jim Clark would also escape. I desire to say to you, Mr. Hoover, that if Mr. Gordon made this statement to his New York office, he is an unmitigated liar for, as stated above, neither he nor Mr. Huff appeared at this office, nor did I at any time on Saturday discuss the matter with Mr. Gordon.

Special Agent in Charge Brantley also advised me by telephone from Kansas City about 6:05 or 6:10 last Saturday night that you had been trying to reach me at the Oklahoma City office for three hours. I am sure that I need only state to you that the long distance telephone operator did not ring this office Saturday afternoon prior to 5:40 P.M. As stated above, I left the office at that time and went direct to my room. As I unlocked the door the telephone was ringing and when I reached and answered it, the call had been disconnected. I immediately telephoned the Oklahoma City office and asked Mr. Rice, the night man, if he had called. He stated that he had not, but that the long distance operator had called me about three or four minutes prior to that time and that Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Washington, D. C., was calling. I then immediately called the long distance operator and was advised that you had left the office and did not desire to talk.

If there is any rule of the Division with which I am familiar and understand the urgent necessity therefor, it is that the person in charge or the person acting in charge of an office be available or where he can be reached at all times and I am sure that you will know from my statements above that the long distance operator did not call this office and that there must have been some mixup or delay in the call at Washington or the long distance operator here neglected to do her duty. In this connection I telephoned the long distance operator and attempted to ascertain the time the call first was received at Oklahoma City from you on Saturday. I was



advised that no record is made of incoming calls where a number is called from out of town and that it is impossible to determine the time the Oklahoma City telephone office first received the call from Washington. I again desire simply to state that not over twelve minutes could have elapsed from the time I left the Oklahoma City office on Saturday afternoon until I walked in my room and found the telephone ringing.

I regret having to burden you with this long letter, but my personal regard for you is so high that I do not want you to continue under the impression that I have not tried faithfully to serve your best interests while acting at the Oklahoma City office. If you will pardon my stating it, I am very much chagrined and hurt for fear that these Burns representatives may have caused you to lose confidence in me. However I feel that with this explanation my word to you will outweigh theirs. I hope that I may continue to enjoy the confidence I know you once reposed in me.

Very truly yours,



Earle M. Black, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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June 25, 1934.

7-576-2270  
Mr. Earle M. Black,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Black:

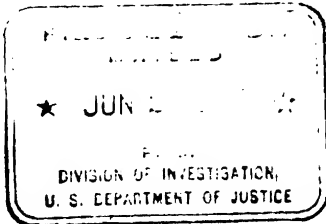
I have received your communication of June 18, 1934 pertaining to the activities of Mr. J. A. Huff, Oklahoma City representative of the Burns Detective Agency, and W. S. Gordon, Minneapolis manager of the Burns Detective Agency, when they were in Oklahoma City on June 16, 1934.

I fully understand the facts in this matter and feel that no blame is to be placed upon you for the manner in which this contact was conducted. As a matter of fact, it appears that Messrs. Huff and Gordon completely ignored the appointment made with you.

Relative to your explanation of the reasons necessitating the inability of the long distance telephone operator to locate you on the afternoon of Saturday, June 16, 1934, I believe your explanation is entirely satisfactory. You realize, of course, the reasons necessitating the Division's instructions that the Special Agent in Charge or the Agent delegated to act for him should be in close contact either personally or by telephone with the Division Field Office at all times.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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1906 First National Bank Building  
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Dear Sir: RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Identification Order 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, Identification Order 1219, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - (Victim). Kidnaping.

Reference is made to your letter dated May 26, 1934, with which were transmitted copies of a letter from Mr. A. Bruce Bielaski of The National Board of Fire Underwriters, 85 John Street, New York City, New York, together with copies of a letter dated at Sumter, South Carolina, May 18, 1934, addressed to Mr. Bielaski by Mr. J. M. Forbes, an Agent of that company. Mr. Forbes states in his letter that Special Agent Duncan K. Brent of this office was "not interested in and did not appreciate the information which was contained therein". I wish to call to your attention the fact that this information was never given to Agent Brent by Mr. Forbes, and furthermore that the investigation in this matter has been considerably delayed by Mr. Forbes' attitude. As evidenced by the Charlotte Office file in this case entitled Charles Arthur Floyd, with aliases, Fugitive, Miscellaneous, Mr. Forbes has refused to divulge the name of his informant in Greenville, South Carolina, stating that he himself must be present when this woman is interviewed by an Agent of the Division. When questioned by Agent Brent, Mr. Forbes advised that he could not make a special trip to Greenville for this purpose, but would wait until called there on business.

On May 2, 1934, efforts were made to interview Mr. Forbes, but it was learned that he was absent from Sumter, South Carolina, at that time.

Shortly after this, Agent Brent received a telephone call from Mr. Forbes, advising that he had further information concerning this matter, and he was advised that an Agent of the Division would call upon him in the near future. At the same

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time he was informed that it was imperative that he furnish the name of his informant, which disclosure he nevertheless refused to make. He did state, however, that he expected to be in Greenville, South Carolina, the next day or the day following.

Agent Brent informed me immediately by telephone of the above conversation, but owing to the condition of work in the office, it was not feasible to have an Agent meet Mr. Forbes in Greenville at that time, and this is doubtless the source of Mr. Forbes' grievances.

Investigation in this matter is being continued, and the identity of the informant in question will be ascertained as soon as suitable arrangements can be made with Mr. Forbes.

Very truly yours,

L. S. REED, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

June 26, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

See [redacted]  
Serial [redacted]

Dear Sir:

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[redacted] in an effort to  
determine the whereabouts of Dr. Moran, came to the Chicago  
office this morning and stated that her efforts to obtain  
such information had been unsuccessful, principally because  
of the fact that [redacted]  
who made her visit there very unpleasant and made it neces-  
sary for her to return to [redacted] She stated that she en-  
deavored on numerous occasions to talk with [redacted] out of  
the presence of [redacted] but was unsuccessful in doing  
so except for very short intervals, during which [redacted]  
told her that he was taking care of Doc Moran's interests and  
that the whole matter would soon be settled as he had been in  
contact with a number of individuals having considerable politi-  
cal influence. The only name mentioned by him, however, was  
that of Mr. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior. She stated fur-  
ther that [redacted] upon being asked where Moran could be lo-  
cated, stated that he would send her a telegram some week end  
in order that she might get in touch with Dr. Moran, she having  
represented that she was in love with him.

[redacted] will notify the Chicago office in the event  
she obtains any information of value concerning the whereabouts  
of Doc Moran or his associates.

Very truly yours,

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SPC:MG

cc-St. Paul

S. P. Cowley  
S. P. COWLEY.

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

June 26, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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It has been ascertained that Palmyra, Wisconsin is located ten miles northeast of Whitewater, Wisconsin, on State Highway No. 59 and County Highway No. 90, and that its population is approximately eight hundred.

Special Agent R. D. Brown interviewed Mr. F. G. Ewis, Chief of the Palmyra Fire Department, and was advised by Mr. Ewis that a large stationary siren (electric) which is located at the city water plant, is sounded at 7:00 A.M., 12:00 Noon, 1:00 P.M., and at 6:00 P.M. He checked his records and found that this siren was blown at 10:50 A.M. on January 28, 1934, in response to a fire call at a farm located about five miles southeast of Palmyra, and that the Whitewater, Wisconsin, Fire Department answered this same call. The only other time this siren was blown, other than at the usual times, was on Sunday, February 4, 1934, at 7:30 A.M., in answer to a local fire call. The siren is not sounded on Sundays otherwise. No factory whistle can be heard at Palmyra according to all persons interviewed. Mr. Ewis stated that there are two churches with bells located at Palmyra, one with a large loud bell, and the other with a small weak bell. He stated that neither of these bells is sounded on a Saturday afternoon or early evening. However, this will be checked by interviews with the persons who ring these bells.

Mr. Tracy Burnham, water meter reader and manager of the Palmyra Water System, and who is also a city marshal and deputy sheriff, was interviewed by Agent Brown. A description of the hide-out house was furnished him, but he was unable to advise of a house answering that description located in Palmyra, or to recall persons who appeared to be strangers to that locality and driving strange automobiles being in Palmyra during the period Mr. Bremer was held. He was unable to identify the photographs of suspects shown him, but advised Agent Brown to interview Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Coe, who operate Coe's Restaurant.

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Agent Brown, accordingly, interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Coe. They stated that at about 9:00 P.M. on a Tuesday night some time during the latter part of January or early February, 1934, five men came into the Coe Restaurant; that one of them did not order anything to eat and took a chair near the door and watched it closely while the others ordered hamburger sandwiches. They stated that the night was bitterly cold and the wind blowing very hard; that three of the men wore caps which were pulled down over their eyes; that the other two wore hats; that none of them removed their hats, caps or overcoats, and that all were fairly well dressed. Agent Brown then exhibited to Mr. and Mrs. Coe, photographs of the suspects in this case, and both picked out the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being the man who guarded the door. They were unable to definitely identify the photograph of Fred Barker, but both seemed quite certain that he looked like one of the men. They were unable to identify the others, but Mr. Coe stated that he had seen a picture of victim Bremer in a local newspaper, and that he believes he was the largest of the five. However, upon further questioning, he stated that he meant he had seen the photograph of subject John J. (Boss) McLaughlin in the newspaper and believes that he was the largest of the five instead of Bremer. They stated that the other two persons appeared to be about thirty years of age and of average height and build, and that they were able to obtain good views of only the larger man and the man they identified as Alvin Karpis. They stated that the men talked in low tones except for the larger man, who appeared to be surly and made the remark that he wished they had his big Buick as it would hold the road better on a night like "this". They failed to notice whether or not this large man appeared to limp, but the description they furnished fits the description of McLaughlin except for the height, they believing him to have been approximately six feet in height. They stated that the men were in the restaurant for about half an hour; that when they departed they heard what appeared to be a high powered car drive away with great acceleration. They stated that they recalled that the next morning they read in a Milwaukee newspaper that a tavern keeper at Burlington, Wisconsin, was robbed by five men. The exact date of the visit will be established by this robbery in Burlington.

Lawrence Speidlehoff, salesman, Palmyra Ford Agency Garage, was interviewed by Agent Brown. He advised that his work as a salesman of Ford cars takes him around Walworth County a great deal; and that he has lived in Walworth County for many years. He stated that some time during the month of January, 1934, he believes, he noticed two strange automobiles, one a Buick and the other an Oldsmobile, each being driven by two strange men, at Palmyra. He stated that he saw these automobiles nearly every day

for approximately a week in Palmyra; that after seeing them several times he took down the Minnesota license numbers, but that up to the present time he has not been able to locate the slip of paper on which he made the notations, although he is making every effort to do so. He stated that it appeared very unusual that two large Minnesota cars should be cruising around Palmyra during January, being driven by strange appearing men; that he also saw in his travels around the County these same two cars at Elkhorn, Wisconsin, Eagle, Wisconsin, and Whitewater, Wisconsin, and on the highway near Lauderdale Lake, about ten miles from Whitewater, and that the cars were being driven slowly as though looking for someone or something. He stated that when he saw the cars parked in Palmyra one of the strange men always stayed in each car and the other would go into a store. He was unable to state which store or stores they entered, but said they went into stores along the main street. He advised that one of the cars was a large Buick sedan with a trunk on the rear, painted black, and having six wire wheels, black in color, two being in the fender wells on the sides. He examined closely all of the photographs of the suspects and picked out Alvin Karpis as being one of the men in this car, and believes him to have been the driver. He was unable to state definitely, but said it was his opinion that the other man who generally occupied this car resembles the photograph of Arthur Barker. He advised that he never obtained a close-up view of the men when they were out of the car. He described the other car as being a new Oldsmobile sedan, dark in color and probably an eight cylinder model. He was unable to give a better description of this car and stated that it was not seen as often as the Buick. In viewing the photographs, he stated that one of the men in this car closely resembled Fred Barker. He was unable to identify the other.

Agent Brown advised that Speidlehoff impressed him as being possessed of a very keen personality and an individual whose information and identifications could be relied upon. Speidlehoff is making every effort to locate the slip of paper on which he made the notations concerning the Minnesota license numbers taken by him from the two automobiles.

Mr. R. T. Milbee, operator of the Palmyra Pharmacy, was interviewed by Agent Brown, and after viewing photographs of the suspects stated that he had never seen any of them in his store, but is reasonably certain that he has seen Alvin Karpis in Palmyra within the last six months. He was unable to add anything to this identification. His wife and assistant were unable to make identifications.



Fred Pfiester and James Omdull, clerks of the I. G. A. Grocery and Meat Store, Palmyra, Wisconsin, were shown the photographs of the various suspects. They both stated that they are positive they have seen a man resembling Alvin Karpis in the store and both were under the impression that Karpis purchased groceries on one or two occasions from them some time during the winter of 1934. They were unable to add anything further to this identification, however.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tutton, operators of Tutton's Grocery and Meat Market, were interviewed by Agent Brown and shown photographs of the suspects. Mrs. Tutton immediately picked out the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being that of a strange man, well dressed, who had purchased groceries on several occasions some time between Christmas and Easter of 1934. Mr. Tutton stated that he is positive that men resembling Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis were in his store several times during the period above mentioned. He is very positive in his identification of Alvin Karpis and described him perfectly. They stated that they do not recall the automobiles they were driving. They recall that these men purchased bread, fish, strawberries, and other groceries and meats. Mr. Tutton advised that a salesman called at his store some time during January, 1934, and sold him six boxes of Florida strawberries; that this was very unusual as they were very expensive and he purchased them for a window decoration more than anything else, not believing they would sell; that he is reasonably certain that the man identified by him as Alvin Karpis is the individual who purchased two boxes of these strawberries; that he believes that this man also purchased fresh perch on two or three occasions. Both Mr. and Mrs. Tutton stated that no women ever accompanied the men. Both are certain of the identification of Alvin Karpis and Mr. Tutton is also certain that Arthur Barker was in his store, describing him as being very short and dark. Both stated that these men were well dressed.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Hilland and Bernard Hilland, of Hilland's Drug Store, were interviewed. The only identification was made by Bernard Hilland who stated that he is certain he has seen Alvin Karpis in Palmyra. He recalls that this man was a stranger and it appeared unusual to him for a stranger to be in Palmyra during the winter months. He believes he saw Karpis shortly after Christmas or some time during the latter part of January. He stated he believes he saw this man with another strange man on several different occasions.

G. E. Benedict, Station Agent, Palmyra, Wisconsin, was interviewed and informed that the following Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific trains arrive at Palmyra at the following hours. He stated that very little switching takes place at Palmyra.

<u>Train No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Direction</u>
4	Sun. only	8:14 A.M.	Eastbound
8 (motor train)	Daily ex. Sun.	10:04 A.M.	"
64 (freight)	Daily ex. Sun.	11:35 P.M.	"
68	Daily ex. Sun. & Mon.	2:35 A.M.	"
94	Daily ex. Sun. & Mon.	3:18 A.M.	"
21 (motor train)	Daily ex. Sun	9:36 A.M.	Westbound
23	Sun. only	11:00 A.M.	"
37	Daily	7:00 P.M.	"
93 (freight)	Mon. Wed. & Fri.	11:00 A.M.	"
61 (freight)	Daily	11:40 P.M.	"

In view of the above identifications, a thorough investigation will be conducted at Palmyra, Wisconsin, and for a distance of at least thirty miles in every direction from Palmyra. It is evident that if the above identifications are correct, subjects purchased groceries at Palmyra and the hideout house should be located within reasonable distance therefrom. The Division will be kept advised as to the results of this investigation.

Very truly yours,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. COWLEY.

RDB:MG

cc-St. Paul

P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

June 28, 1934.

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W. E. Williams,  
Postmaster,  
Rochester, Minnesota.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;

ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,  
I.O. #1219; et al.

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.

KIDNAPING

Re: St. Paul File No. 7-29

Dear Sir:

It is desired that a letter be placed on the mail of Miss Laura Campbell, 111 First Avenue Northwest, Rochester, Minnesota, for a period of thirty days, or until such time as she departs from Rochester, Minnesota, and that the tracings be forwarded to this office as the mail is received.

I am attaching hereto a supply of paper which may be used for tracing purposes and will very much appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

D.M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

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June 20th, 1934

Hon. Ernest J. Krutgen, Postmaster  
Chicago  
Illinois

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this Office, it would be appreciated if you will have a mail cover placed on all letters, for a period of thirty days, received at 839 Addison Street, addressed either to Sam Miller or to Mrs. Sam Miller.

When replying please refer to our file #7-82.

Very truly yours,

ELR:LJM

cc - Division

M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

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June 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box No. 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
I.O. #1218, ET AL.  
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Dear Sir:

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Please refer to the report of Special Agent T. H. Tracy,  
dated May 29, 1934, submitted in connection with the above investi-  
gation, which has reference to BERNARD PHILLIPS, I.O. #1198.

This is to inform that on June 19, 1934, Mrs. J. Charles  
Haller was interviewed in this office, having been produced here  
by her attorney, Charles L. Sylvester of 521 Fifth Avenue.  
Mr. Sylvester explained beforehand that she is not married to Haller  
but that is the name she has been going under for some time and she  
is not desirous of disclosing her true name. No information was  
gained from her. She was questioned as to the names of persons she  
met during the past two or three years, friends of J. Charles Haller,  
but could not or would not remember the names. She was shown a  
number of photographs, including that of Bernard Phillips, but said  
she never saw him in her life. She said that although she has seen  
Haller a few times in the past eighteen months, yet she has had very  
little to do with him.

J. Charles Haller was produced at this office for question-  
ing on June 23rd, by his attorney, Mr. Sylvester, under the under-  
standing that he would not be required to give his present address.  
Practically no information was secured from him. He said that he  
has known Edward or Eli Rudick for approximately fifteen years,  
meeting him in Florida where they were brought up together as boys.  
He said that notwithstanding this long acquaintance, he has no idea  
where Rudick comes from. He said he did not see Rudick for a number  
of years and then some time in 1931 ran into him on the street in

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New York City; that he saw him once or twice in New York City again that year. He said he did not know Rudick ever had an apartment in New York City in September, 1932, and said that some time in October or November, 1932, he was in Chicago and ran into Rudick on the street and at that time he was living at the Allerton Hotel. He admitted having used the alias Charles Hartman but denied ever using the name George Burns. He said that some time in the latter part of December, 1932, he went to Hollywood, Fla., and there again ran into Rudick and learned that he and his wife were living in a cottage there so he lived with them until around March 7, 1934, when Rudick was arrested on the narcotic charge. He said that he was in New York City at the time of the arrest but arrived at Hollywood, Fla., on March 8th, and he and Rudick stayed around there for two or three weeks and then he returned to New York, and where Rudick went to he does not know; that following this, he says he went to Minneapolis for a few days.

Questioned as to whom he knew in St. Paul and Minneapolis, he stated that he did not know a single person in either city. He finally said that he was a card cheater and travels around the country a great deal looking for suckers and that it is not unusual for him to hit cities wherein he is entirely unacquainted.

He was shown a number of photographs, including that of Bernard Phillips, and he said that he never saw or met the man. He said he was positive that Bernard Phillips at no time visited Rudick while they were in Hollywood, Fla., during January, February and March, 1934. He refused to give the names of any persons he met during the three months' stay in Florida. Questioned as to Rudick, he said that the Division may rest assured that Rudick is not engaged in an undertaking of interest to the United States Government and implied that Rudick was, like himself, a card cheater. He said he is positive Rudick will do nothing which will involve him with the United States Government and that this includes having anything to do with the harboring or contacting of fugitives. He professed not to know the present whereabouts of Rudick.

It would appear, therefore, that should it be desired that Rudick be interviewed, investigation at Chicago should disclose

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his whereabouts. Haller also said that while in Florida, Radick had  
a car with Florida license plates.

Very truly yours,

V. X. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC - Kansas City  
Chicago  
Division

1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

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June 25th, 1934

Hon. Ernest J. Krueger, Postmaster  
Chicago  
Illinois

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this Office, it would be appreciated if you will have a mail cover placed on all letters for a period of thirty days, received at 525 Cornelia Street, addressed either to George Guyman or Mrs. George Guyman.

When replying please refer to our file #7-82.

Very truly yours,

MLR:LJM

M. E. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Division ✓

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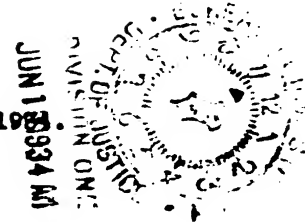
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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

June 13, 1934.



Mr. H. H. Clegg, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O.  
1219; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Reference is made to your letter of June 7, 1934,  
in this matter, in which it is requested that telephone calls  
be made to various towns in the northern part of Illinois, to  
the telephone operators in each town in an effort to locate  
a town having the sounds which were heard by Bremer.

On June 12th Special Agent K. R. McIntire, from  
Chicago, Illinois, called the operators in the towns in DuPage  
County, Lake County and the northern part of Cook County. It  
was not deemed advisable at this time to call all the towns  
located in Cook County. It was found that many of the towns  
in said counties do not have operators in such towns, the same  
being covered by operators located in other towns. It was,  
therefore, not advisable to question operators concerning  
towns which they serve, but in which they do not live and do  
not operate.

I am transmitting to you herewith the answers to each  
question secured from the operators in the various towns. I  
am also transmitting one set of the answers to the Division.

At an early date similar investigation will be com-  
pleted in Milwaukee.

Very truly yours,

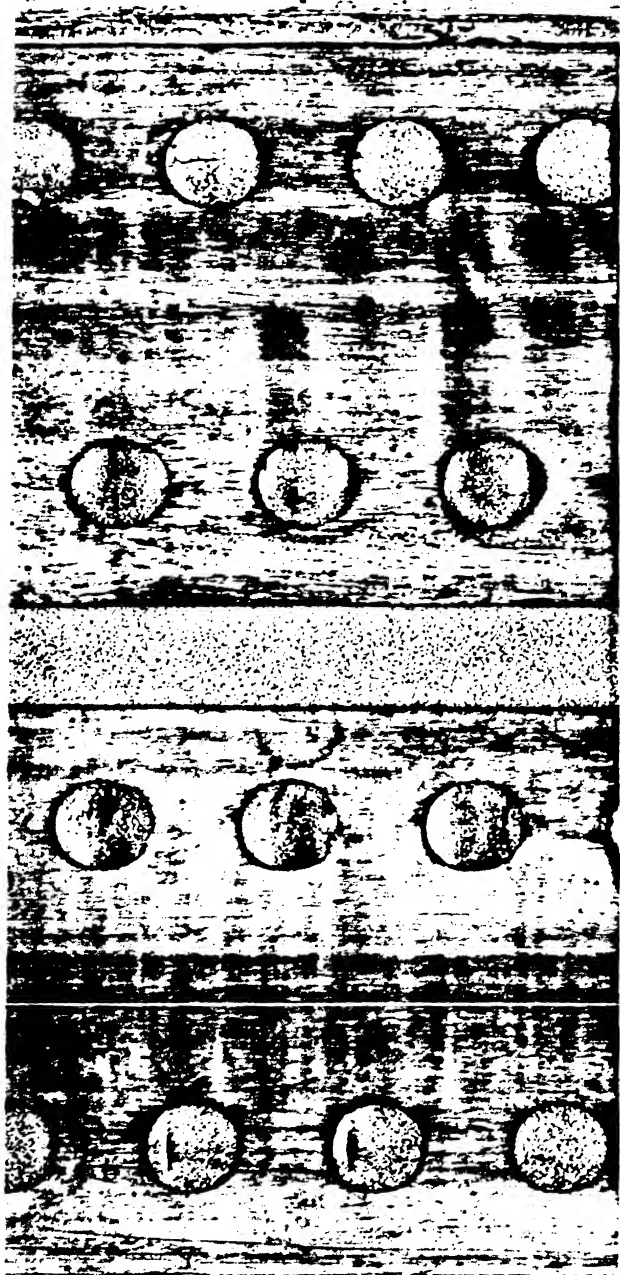
VAL C. ZIMMER,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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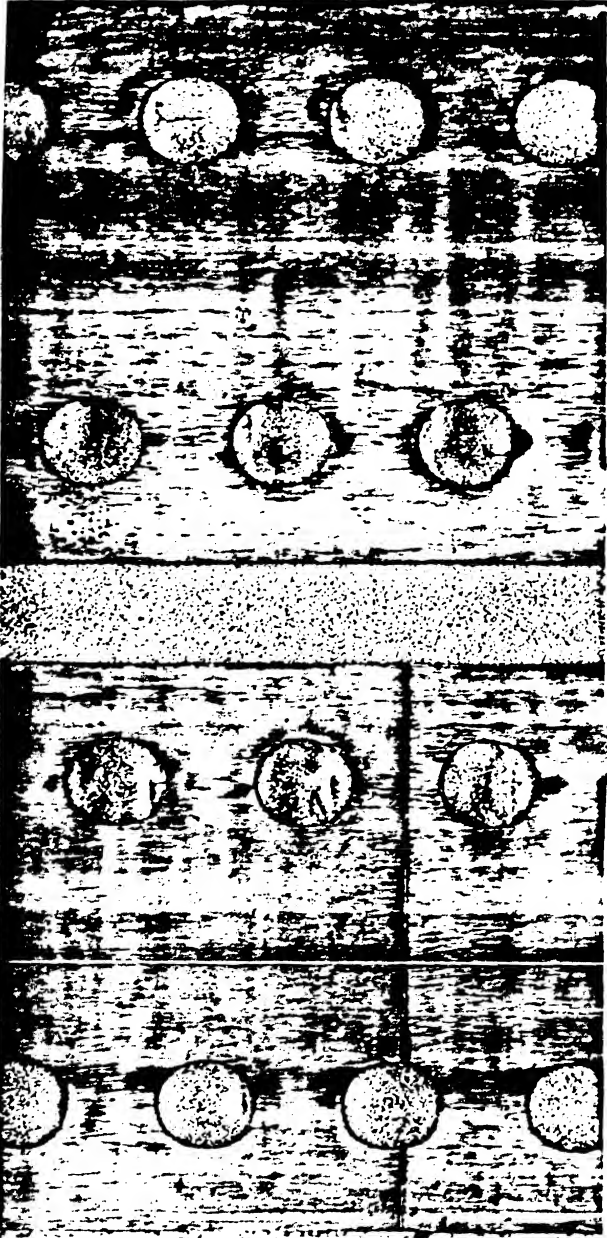
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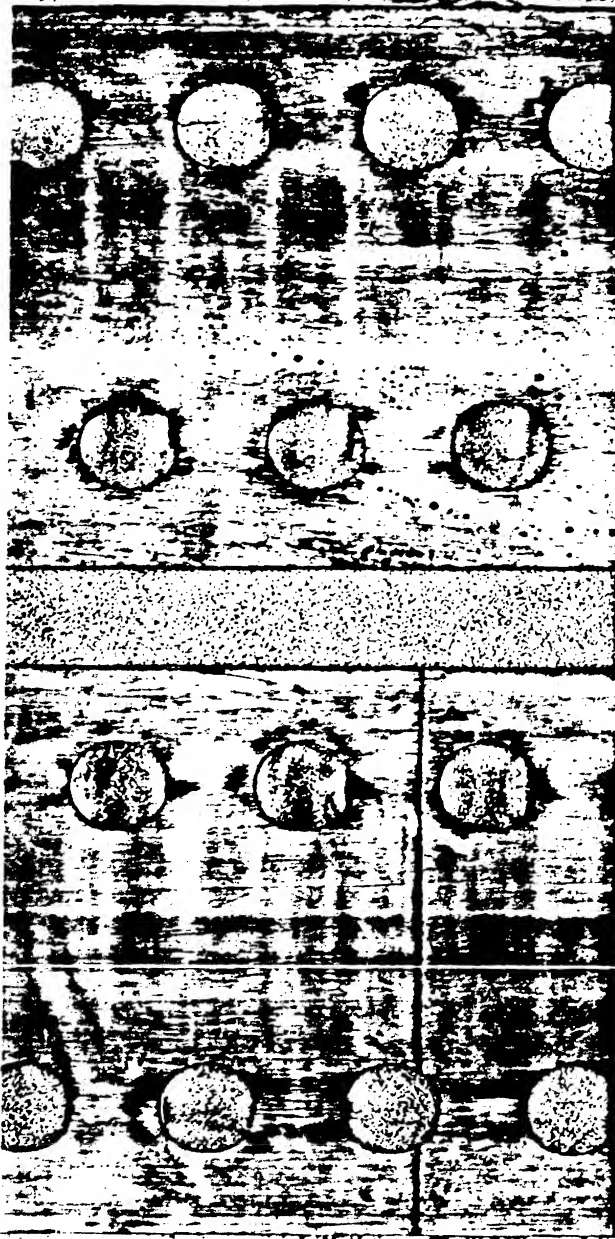
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COOK COUNTY ILL.



Arlington Heights

1. No
2. No.
3. ---
4. 12 noon daily
5. none
6. Yes
7. Yes
8. yes
9. no.



Barrington, Ill.

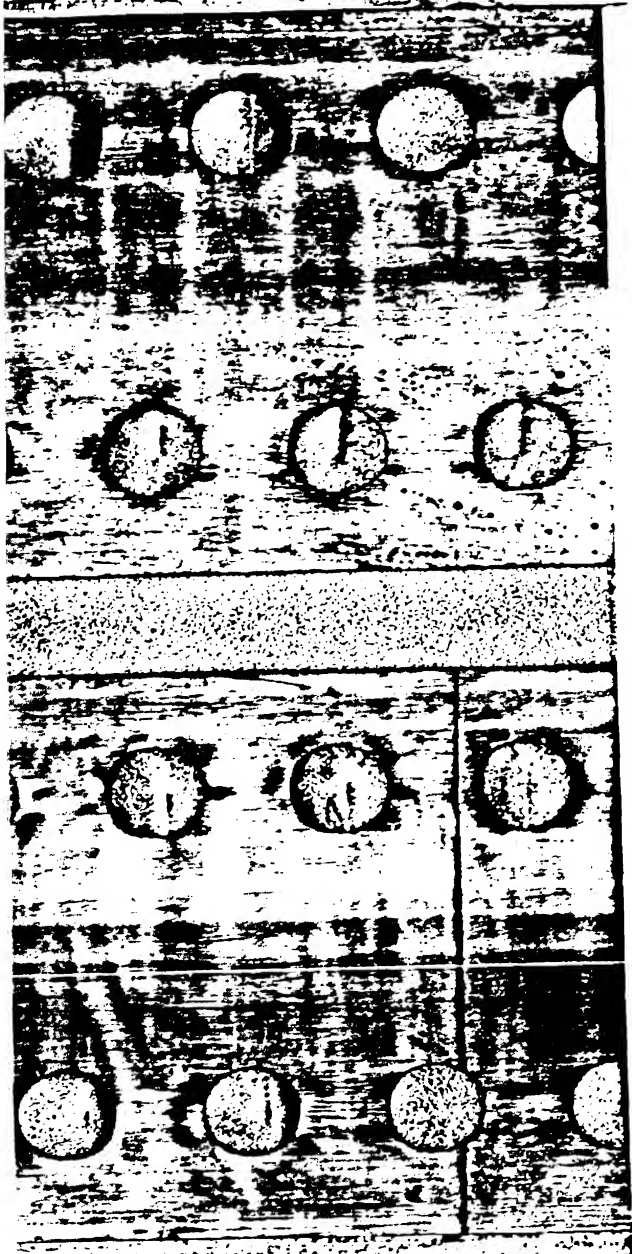
1. No
2. No
3. -----
4. 12 noon on Sat.
5. No
6. No
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No.

Niles Center, Ill.

1. No
2. No
3. ———
4. No
5. No.
6. Yes.
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No.

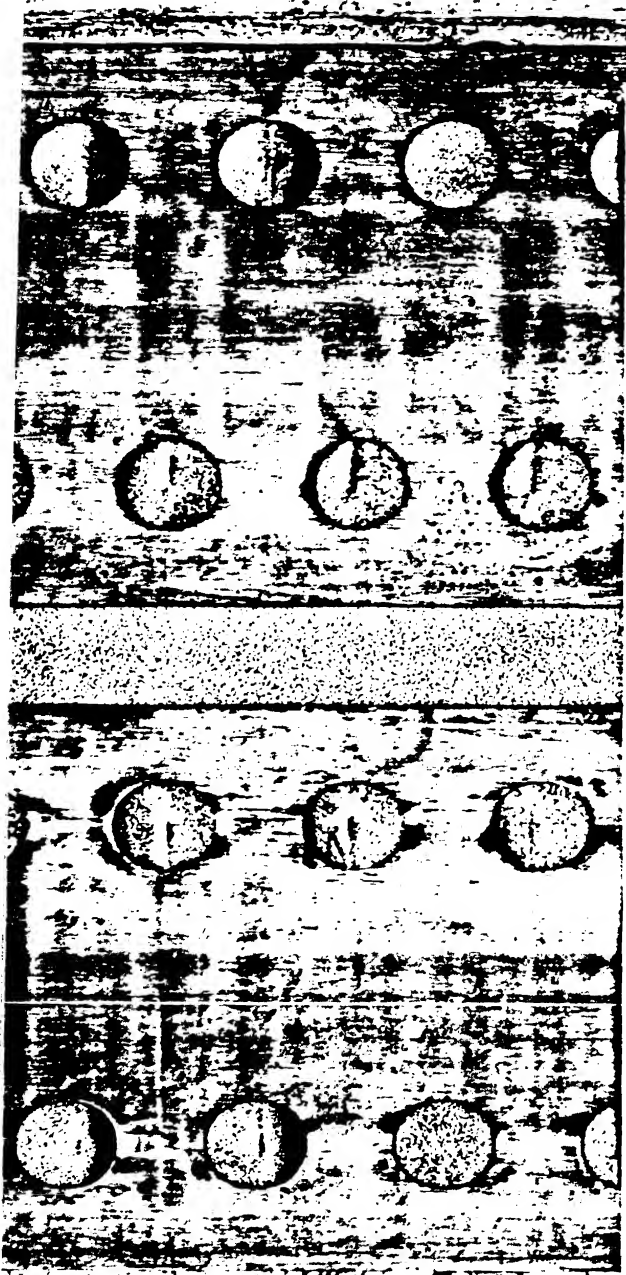
Glenview, Ill.

1. No
2. No
3. -----
4. 12 noon daily
5. none
6. No
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No.



Northbrook, Ill.

1. No
2. No
3. -----
4. Siren on fire truck, sounds only for fire.
5. None
6. No
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No.



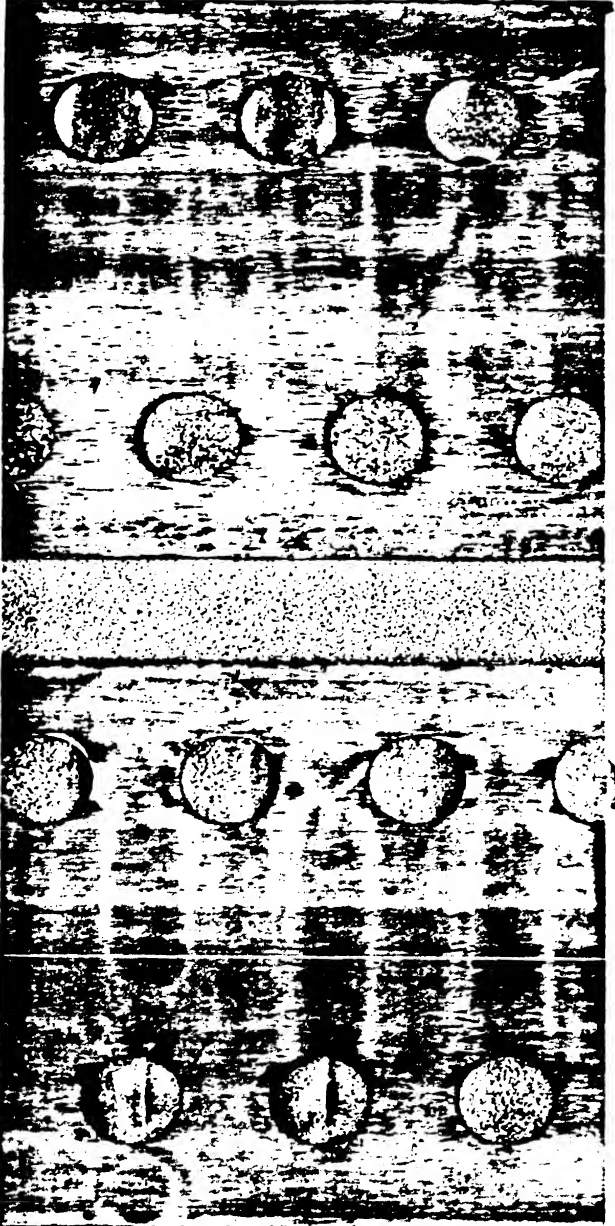
Palatine, Ill.

1. No
2. No
3. -----
4. 12 noon daily
5. none
6. two churches ring at 5; p.m. on Sat.
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No.



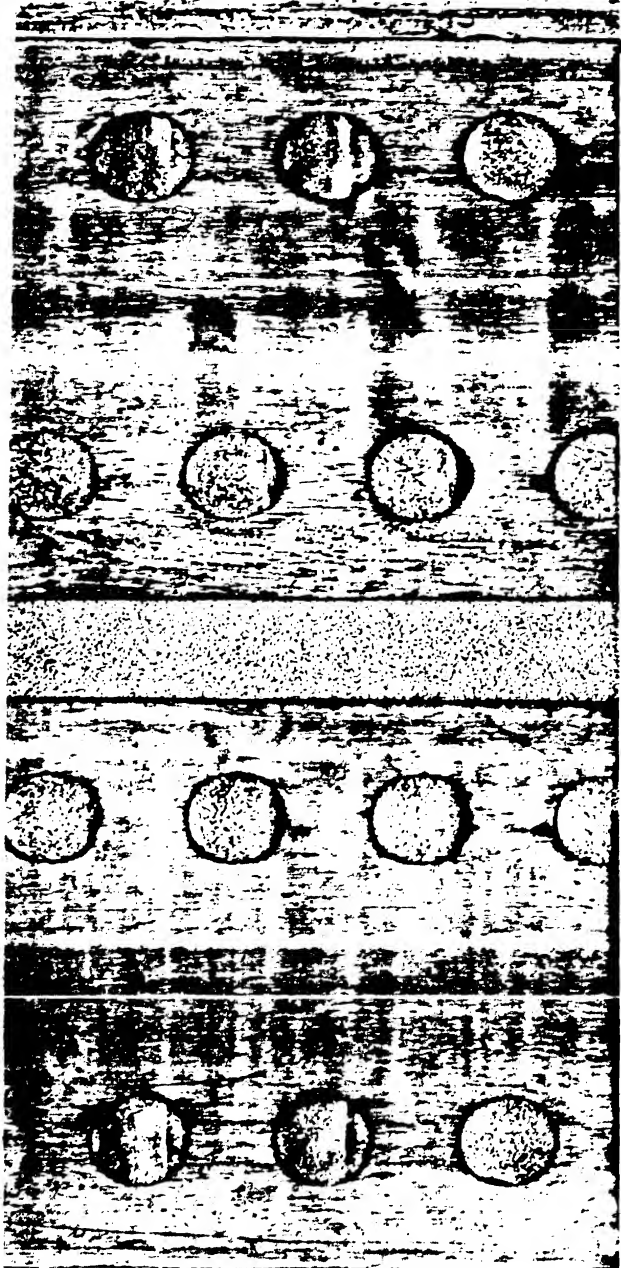
Glencoe, Ill.

1. No
2. No
3. None
4. None
5. None
6. No
7. Yes.
8. Yes
9. Yes.



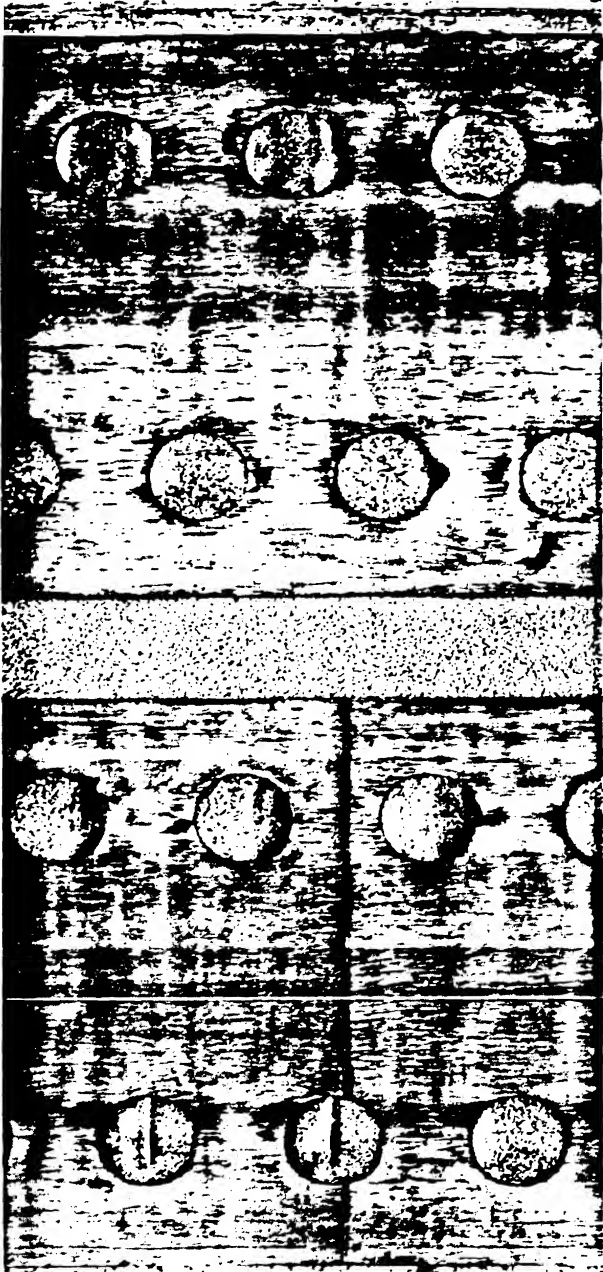
Des Plaines, Ill.

1. No
2. No
3. -----
4. 12 noon daily
5. several whistles
6. Yes.
7. Yes
8. Yes.
9. No. The St. Marys Training School  $2\frac{1}{2}$  mi north of Des Plaines has a siren blown for fires only.



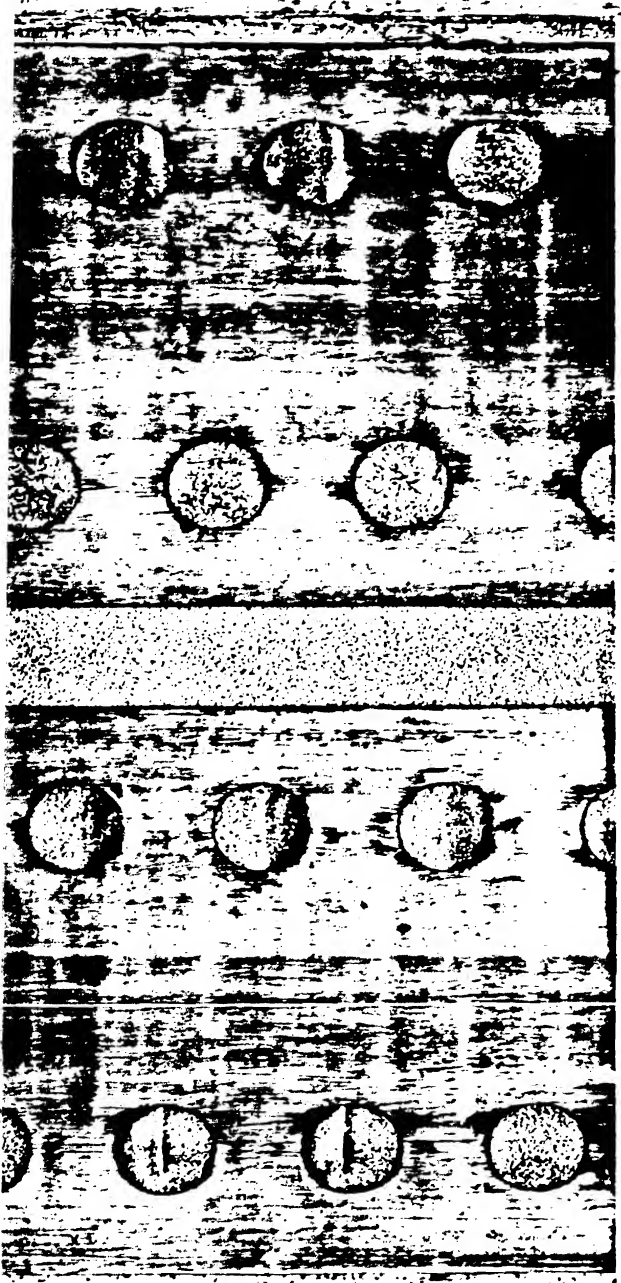
Park Ridge, Ill.

1. No
2. No
3. ---
4. 12; noon daily
5. None
- 6; 6:00 p.m.
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No.



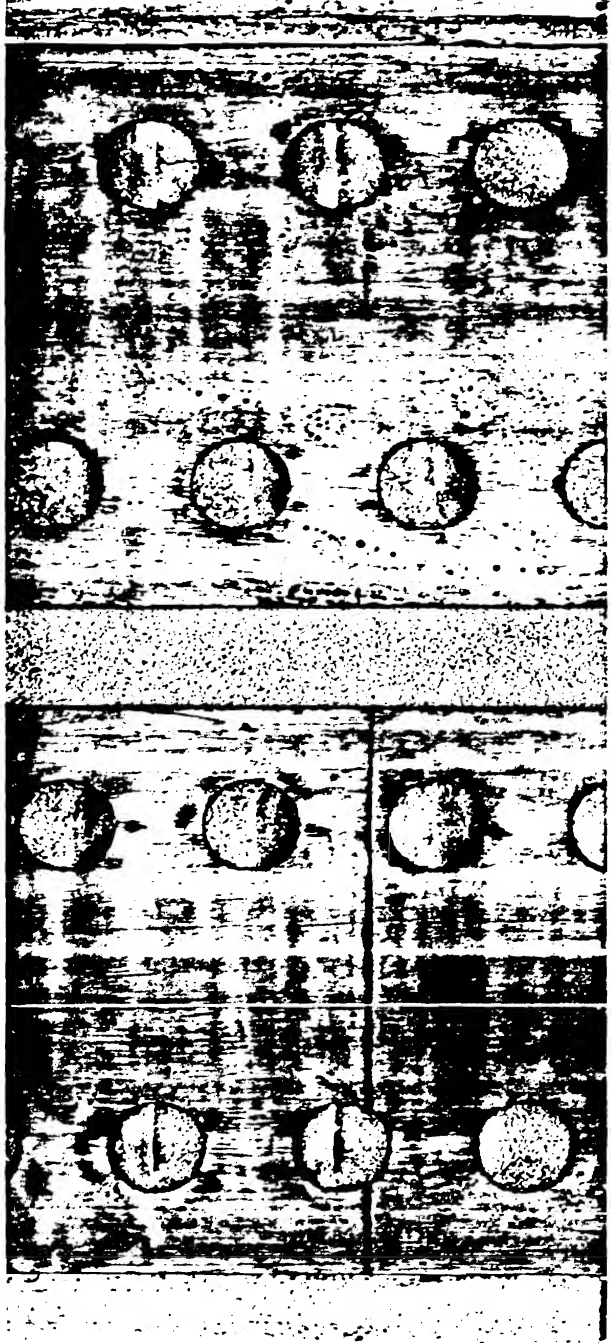
Wilmette, Ill.

1. No
2. No
3. ---
4. Only for fires
5. None
6. No
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No.

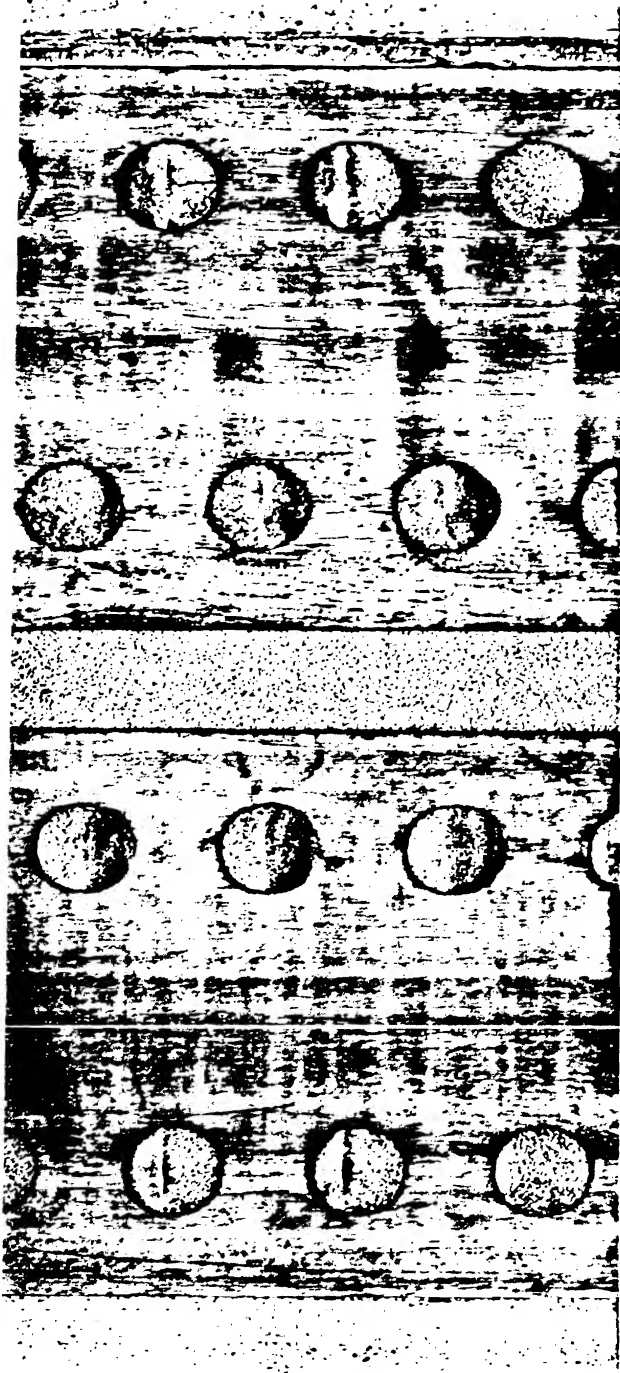


Winetka, Ill.

1. Men
2. No
3. ---
4. None
5. None
6. No, but the city hall tolls abell each hour.
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No.

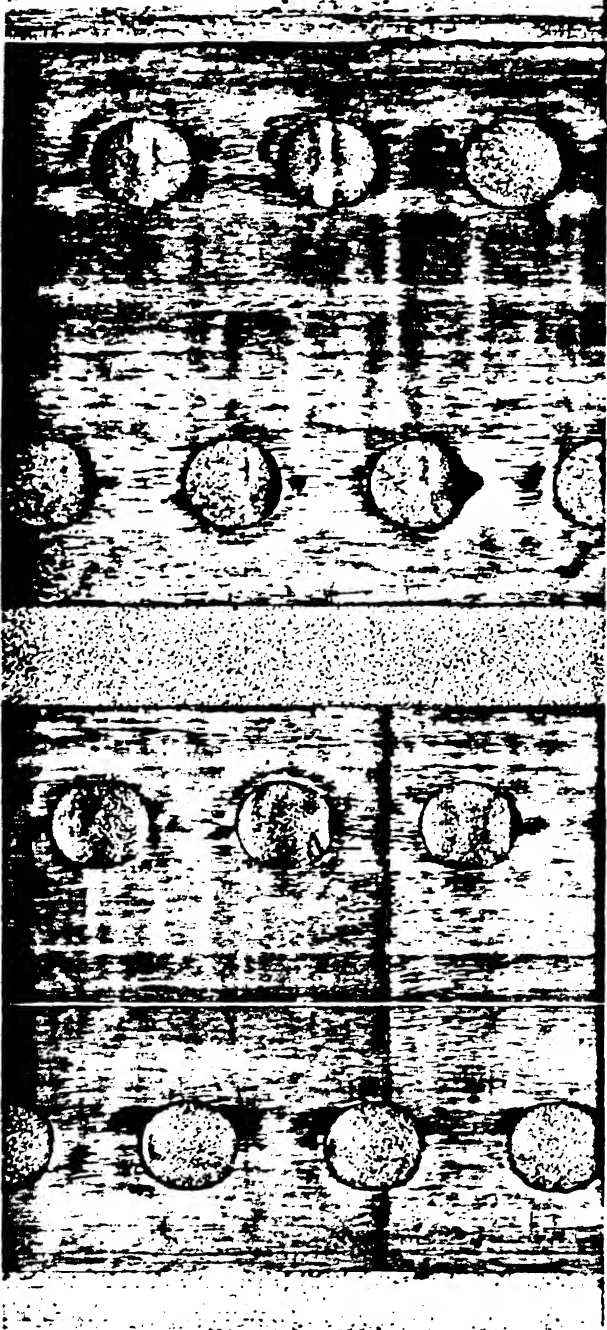


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Elmhurst, Ill.

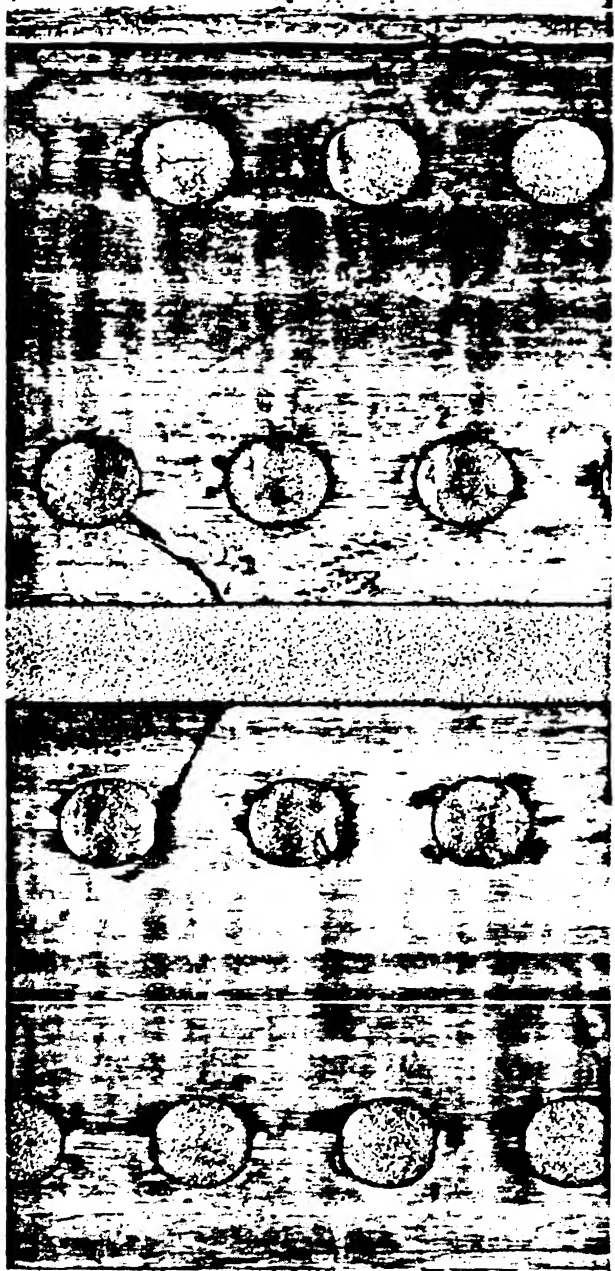
1. No
2. No
3. -----
4. 6:00 P.M. daily
5. None
6. No
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No.



Bonsenville, Ill.

1. No
2. No
3. ---
4. 12 noon daily
5. 8 A.M. 12:00 noon 4:00 P.M.
6. 5:00 P.M.
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No.





Roselle, Ill.

1. No
2. No
3. -----
4. 12 noon daily
5. None
6. no
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No

Hinsdale, Ill.

1. No
2. No
3. -----
4. 6:00 P.M. Daily
5. 9:00 A.M. 12:00noon 1:00 P.M.
6. No
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No.



West Chicago.

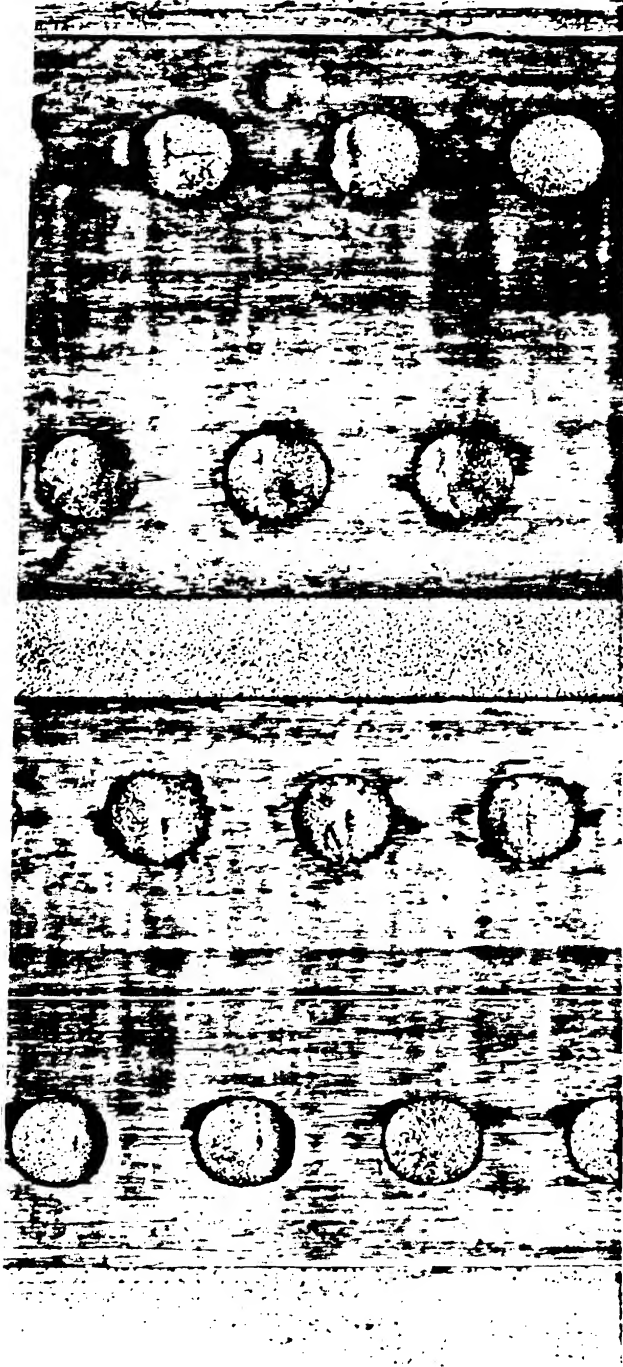
1. No
2. No
3. -----
4. only for fives.
5. No
6. No
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No.

Chas E. Lynn, III.

1. No
2. No
3. -----
4. 6;P.M. daily
5. None
6. No
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No.

Itasca, Ill.

1. No
2. No
3. -----
4. 12; noon
5. None
6. 6;00 p.m. Lutheran
7. Yes
8. Yes.
9. No.

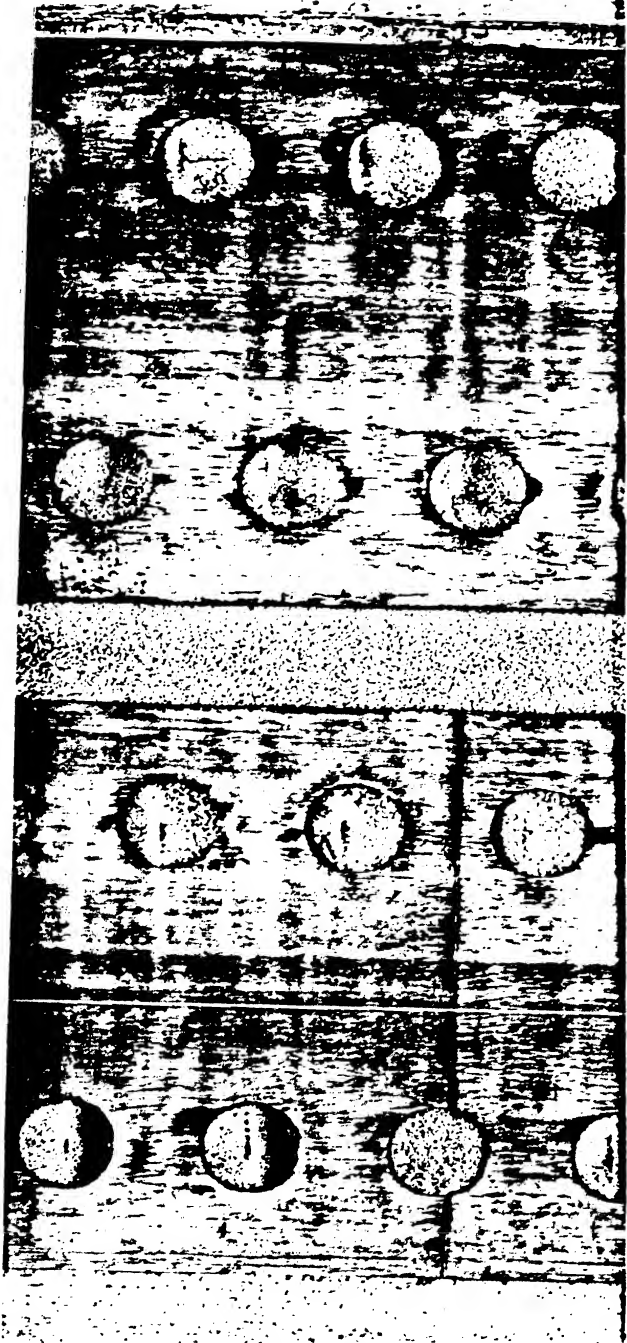


Lombard, Ill.

1. No
2. No.
3. ---
4. 6 P.M.
5. None
6. No.
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No.

Q  
Naperville, Ill.

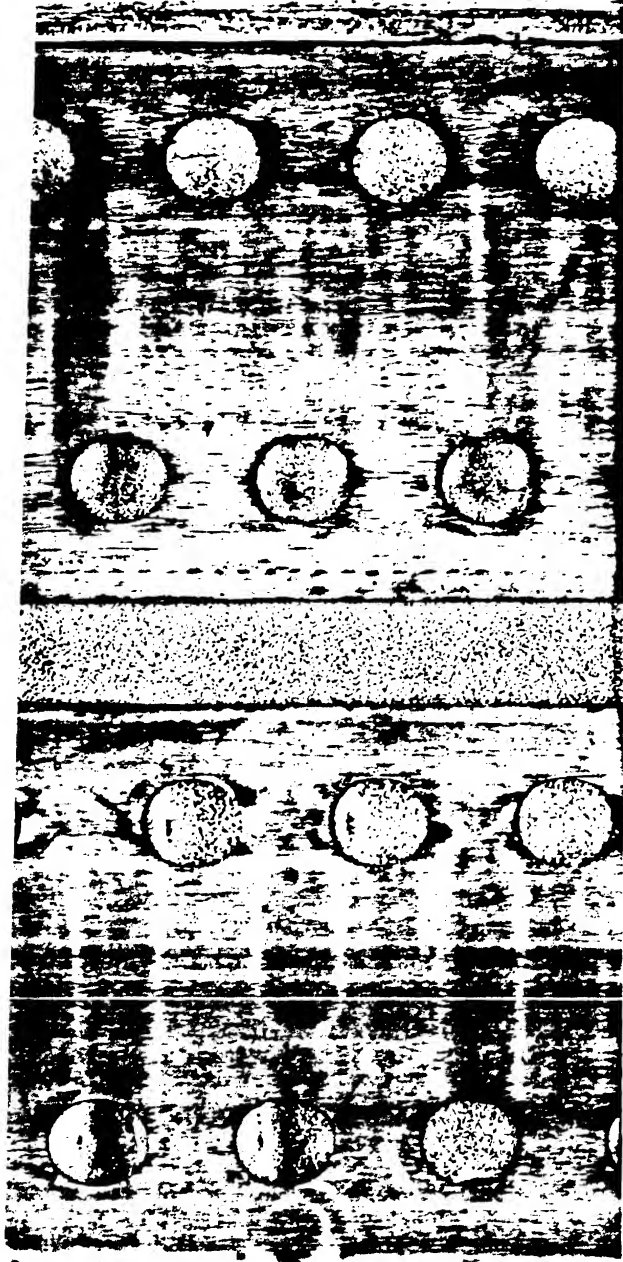
1. No
2. No
3. ---
4. 6; P.M. Daily
5. 9 A.M. 3; P.M.
- 6; 6 a.m. and 6; p.m. daily
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No.



Warrenville, Ill.

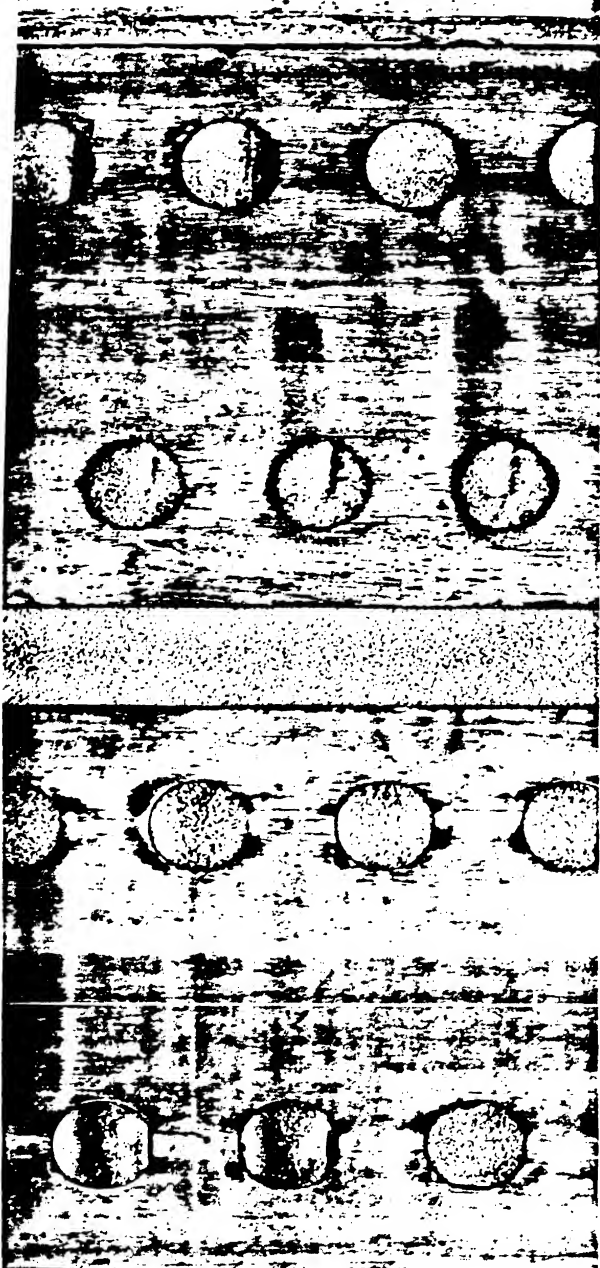
1. No
2. No
3. ----
4. None
5. None
6. None
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No.





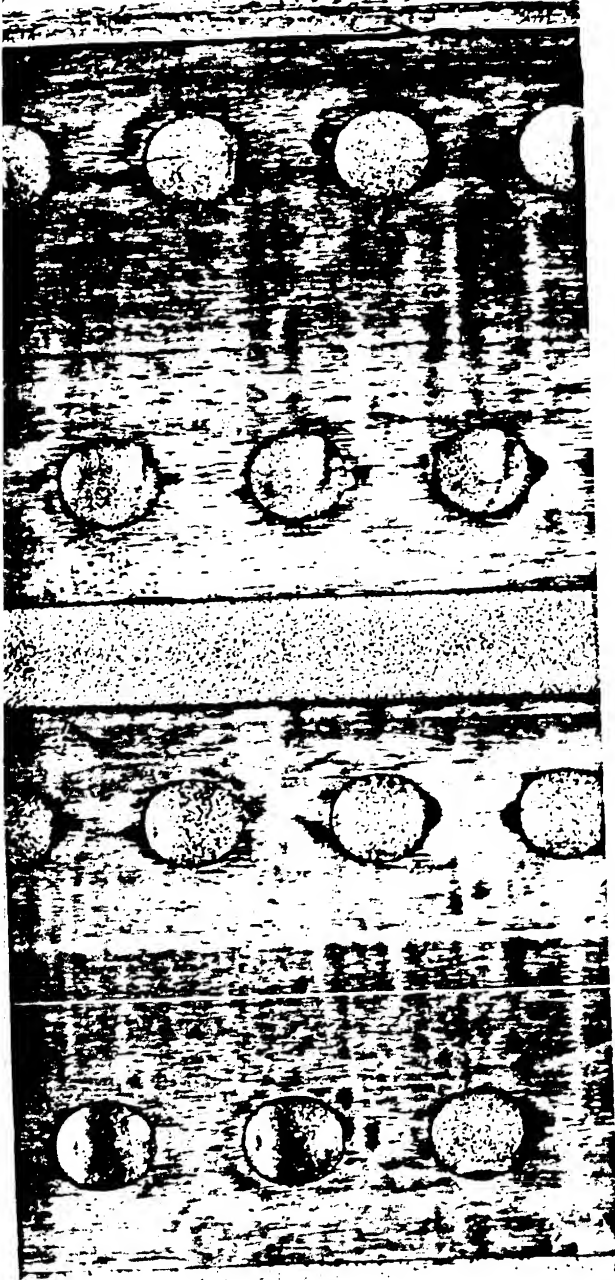
Downers Grove, Ill.

1. No
2. No
3. ---
4. Only for fires
5. None
6. None
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No.

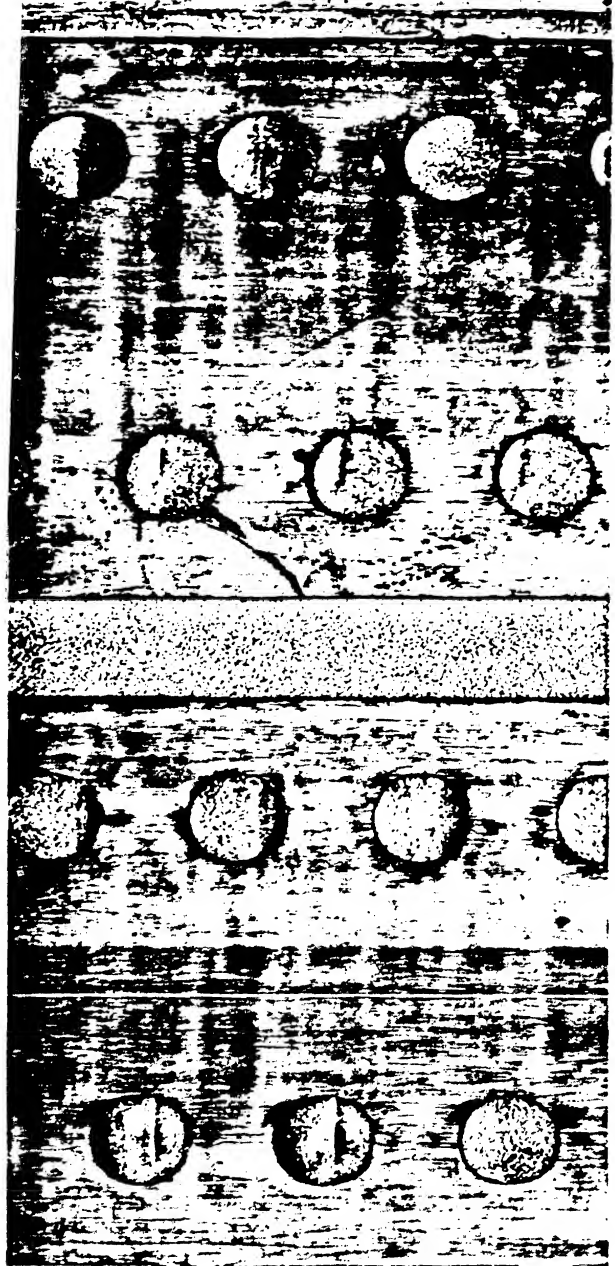


Q  
Rheaton, Ill.

1. No
2. No
3. -----
4. Only for fires.
5. None
6. 6; A.M. 12 noon and 6:00 P.M.
7. Yes
8. Yes.
9. No.

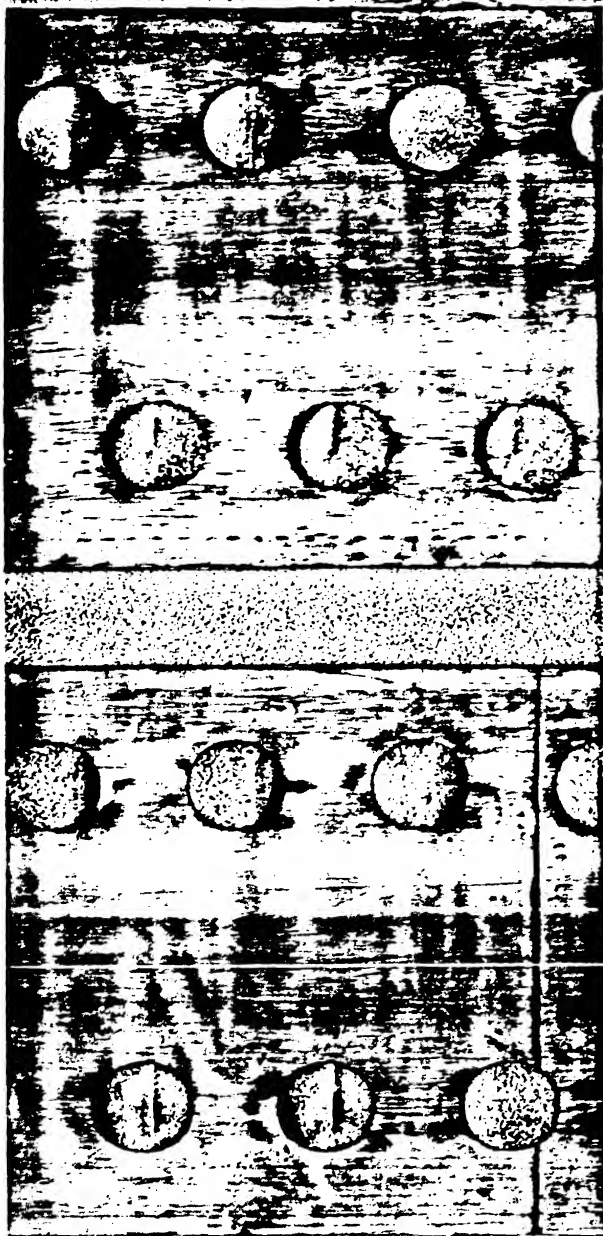


LAKE COUNTY ILL.



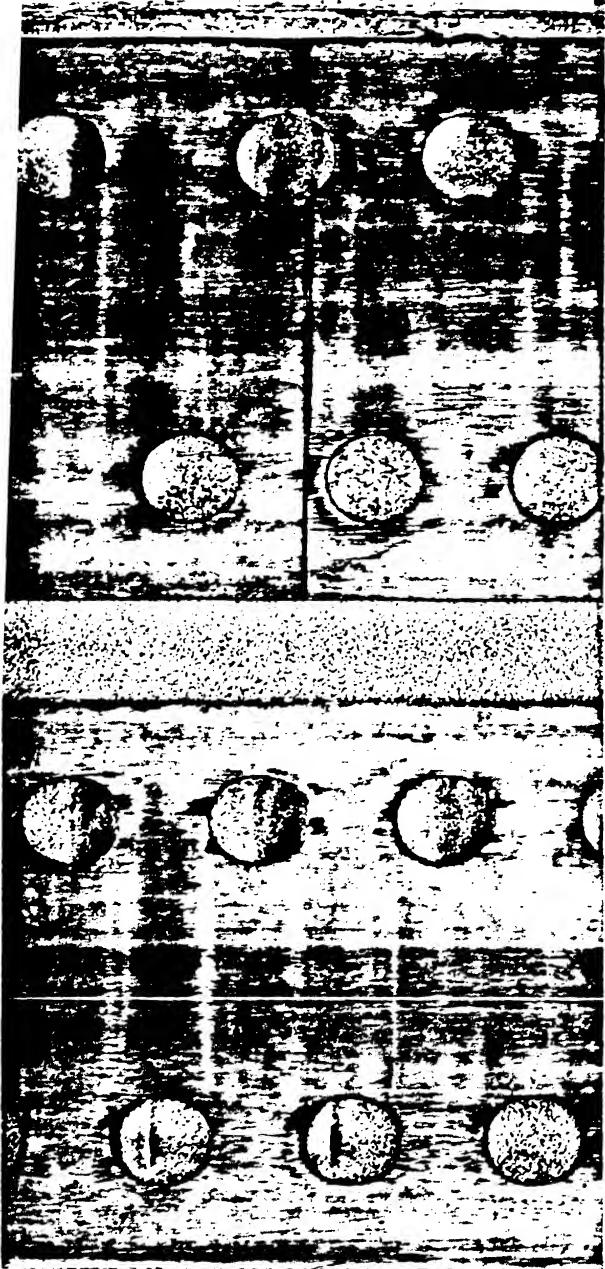
Antioch, Ill.

1. No
2. No
3. ----
4. 12 noon daily
5. None
6. No
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No.



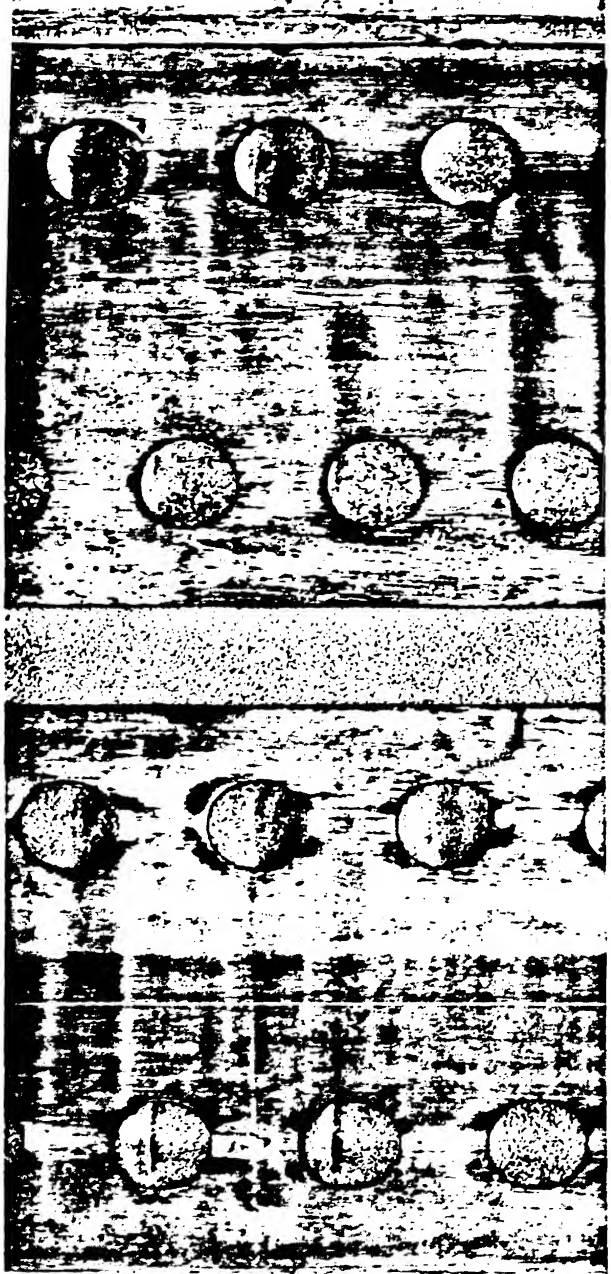
Deerfield. Ill..

1. No
2. No
3. ---
4. For fires only.
5. None
6. No
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No.



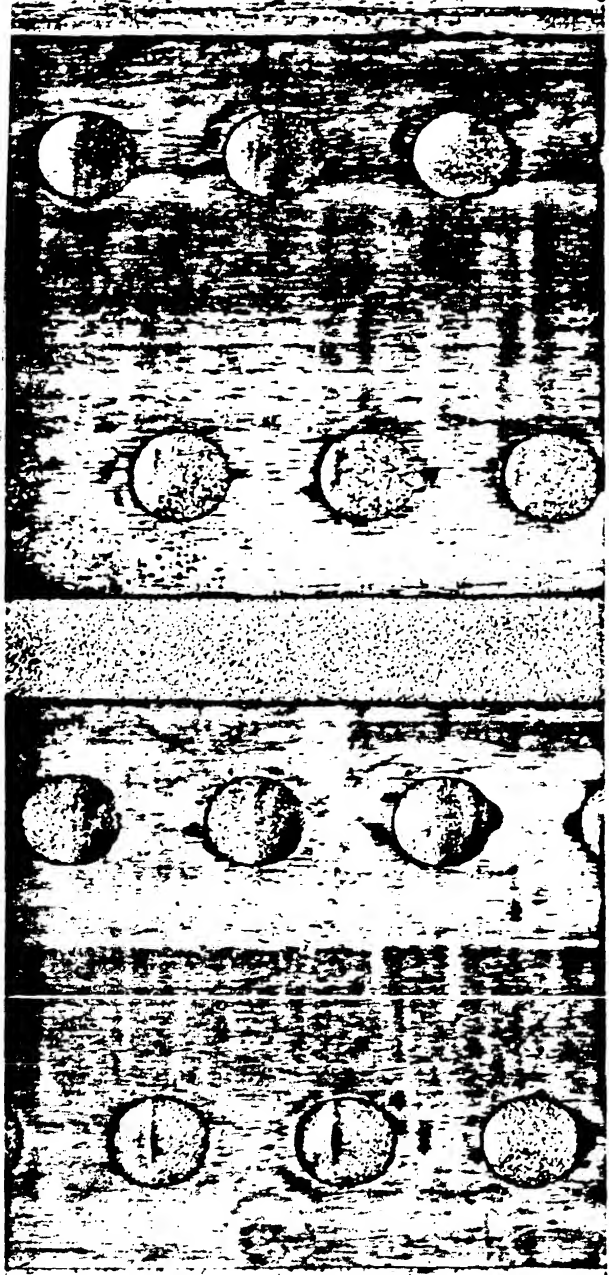
Q  
Fox Lake, Ill.

1. No
2. No
3. ---
4. for fires only
5. None
6. None
7. Yes
8. Yes.
9. No.



Grayslake, Ill.

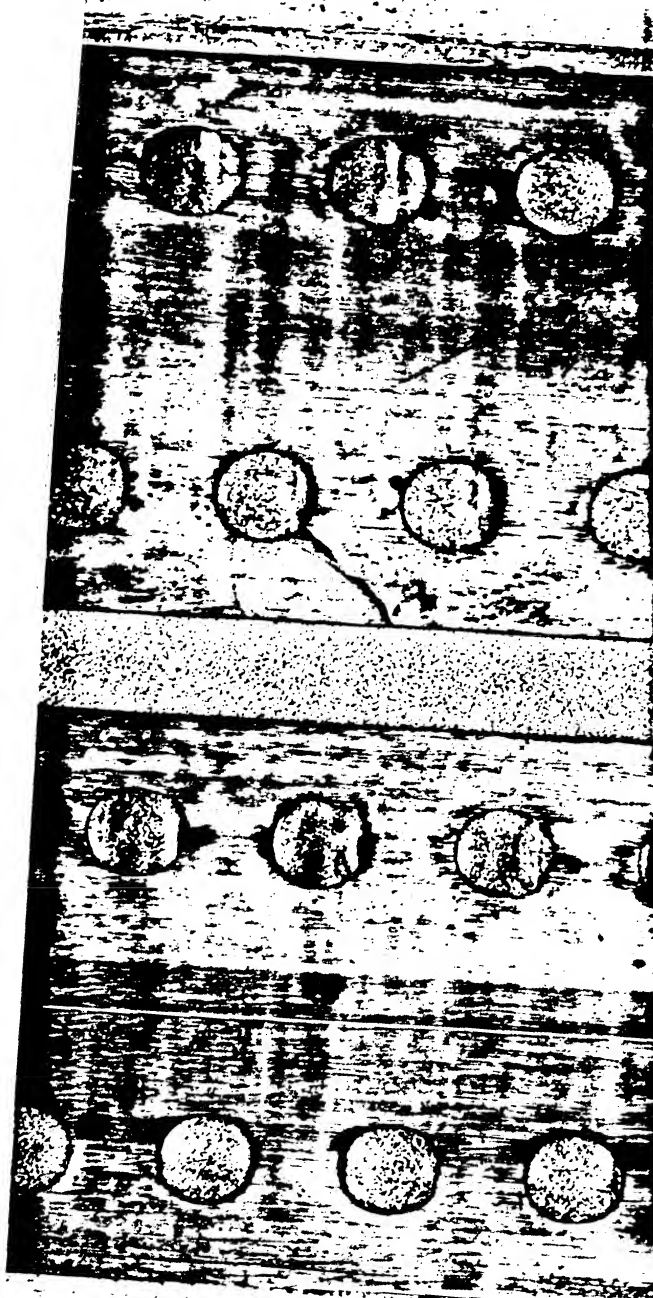
1. No
2. No
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. For fires only
5. 7, 8, 12, 1, and 5.
6. No
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No.



Highland Park.

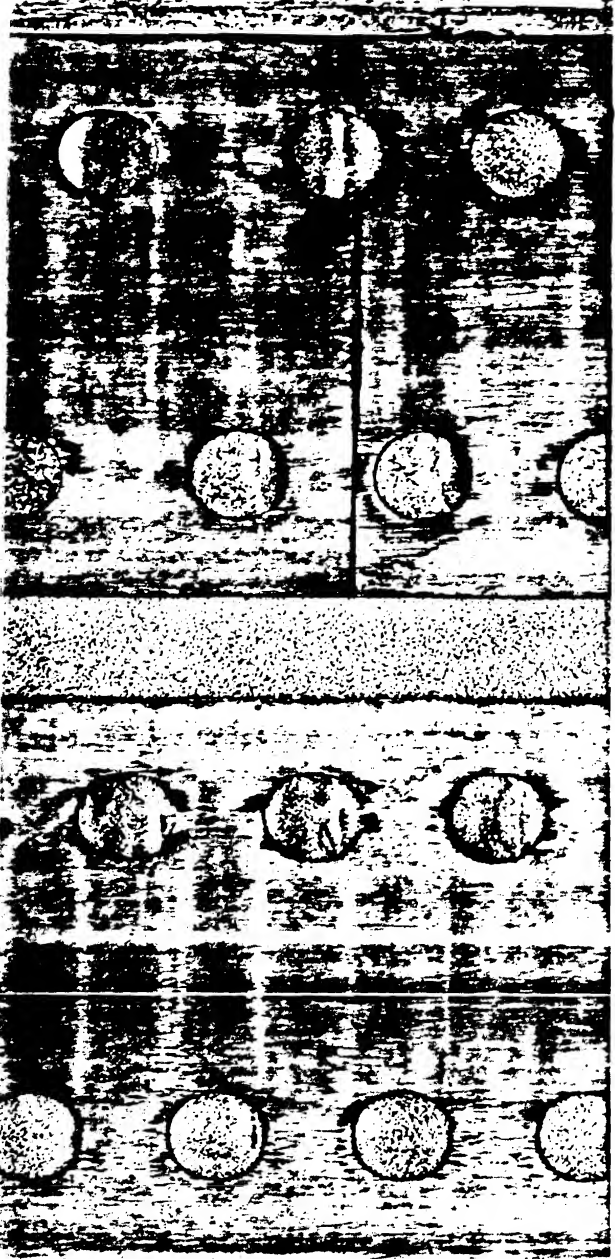
1. No
2. No
3. —
4. on fire truck only
5. None
6. None
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No.





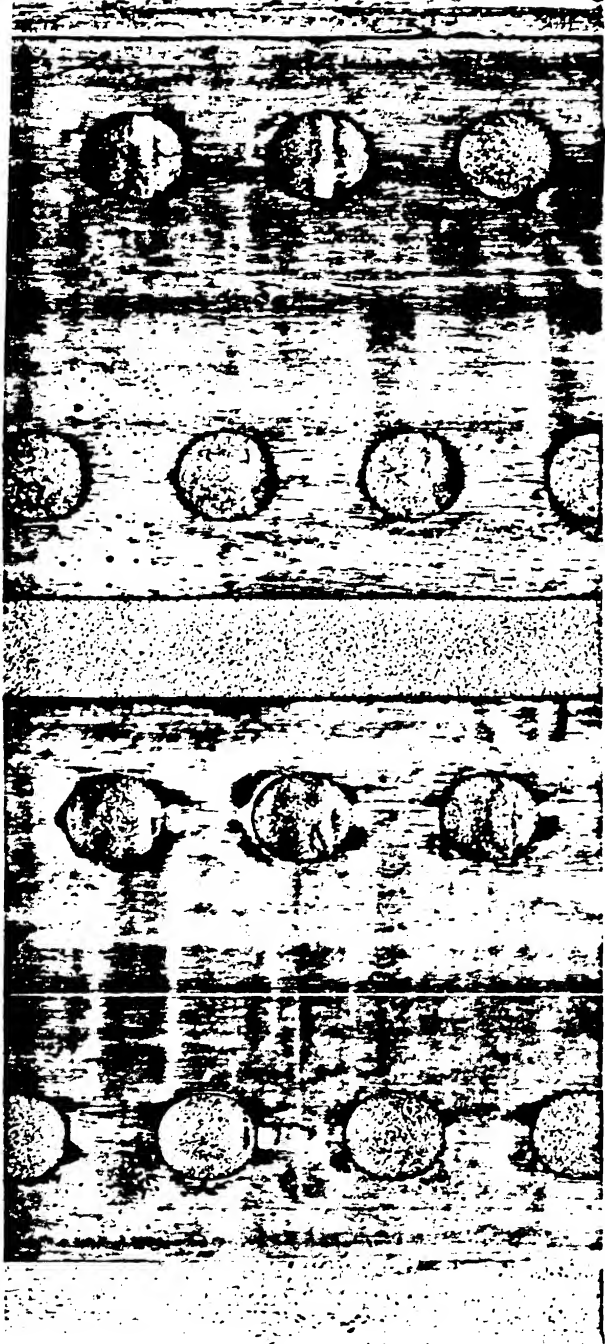
Fort Sheridan, Ill.

1. No
2. No
3. -----
4. 11:45 a.m. daily
5. None
6. None
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No.



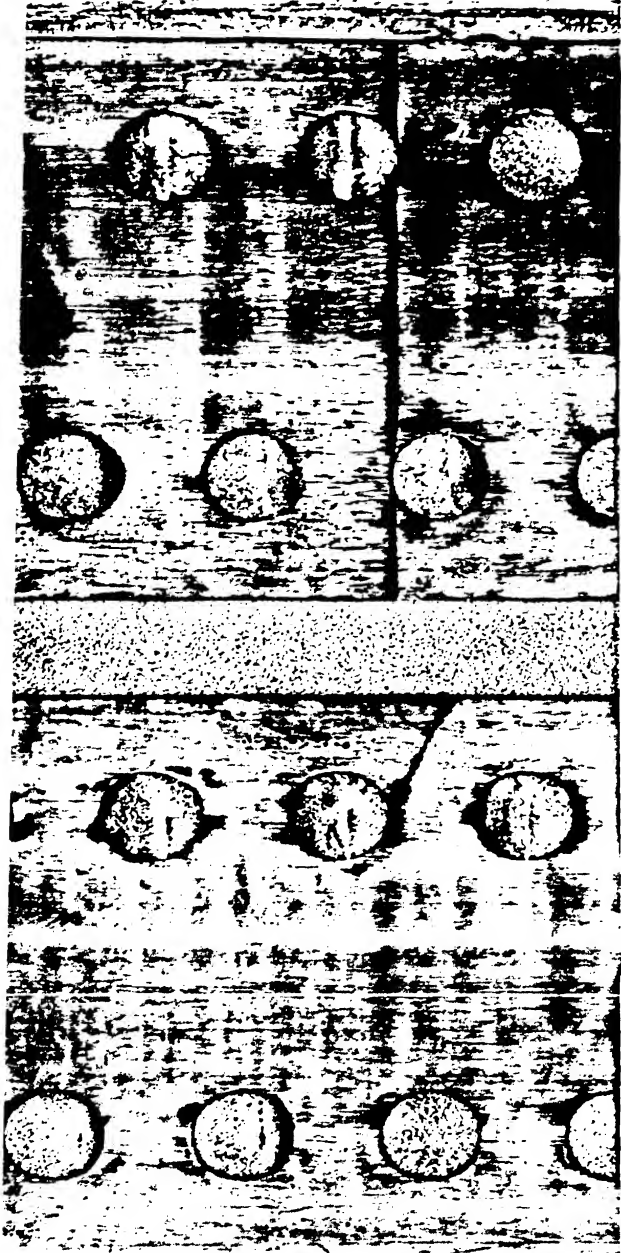
Gurnee, Ill.

1. No
2. No
3. -----
4. 12 a.m. daily
5. None
6. None
7. Yes.
8. Yes but no water system
9. No.



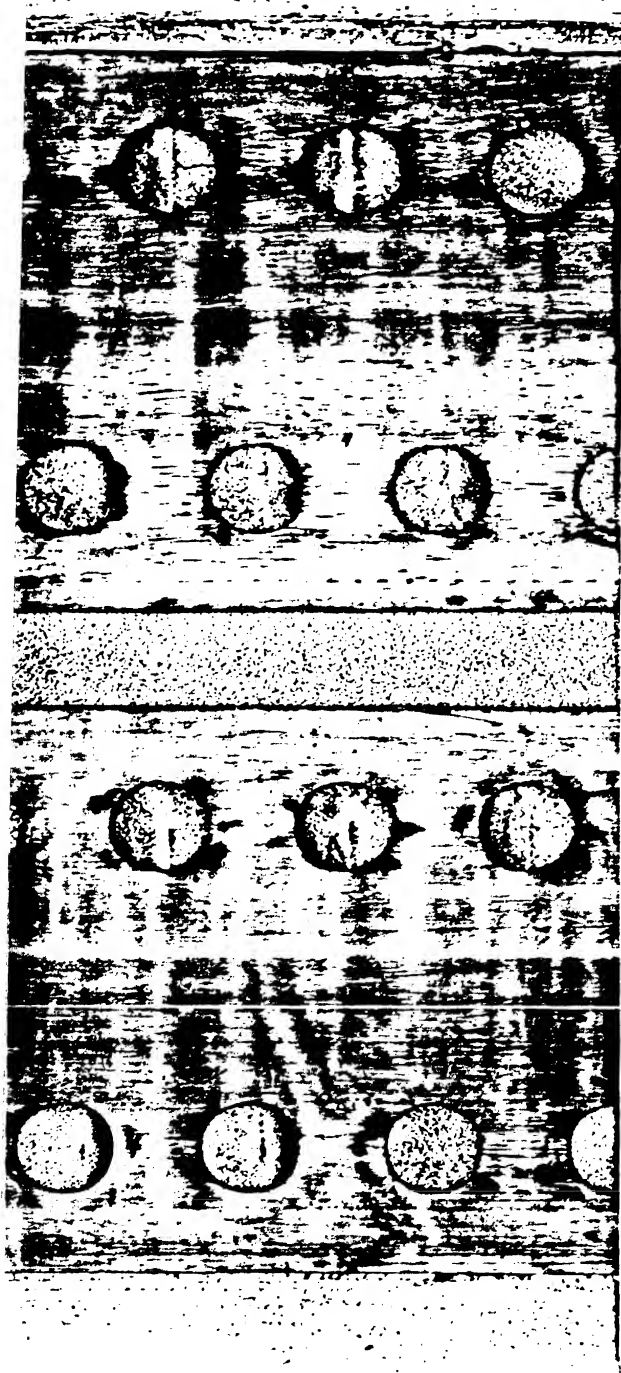
Lake Villa, Ill.

1. No
2. No
3. -----
4. 12 noon daily
5. None
6. None
7. Yes.
8. Yes but no water system.
9. No.



Lake Zurich, Ill.

1. No
2. No
3. —
4. Installed June 11, 1934.
5. None
6. None
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No.



Libertyville, Ill.

1. No
2. No
3. -----
4. 8, 12, 12:30, 4:30
5. Same as above, whistle and siren are one and the same.
6. No
7. Yes.
8. Yes
9. No.



Waukegan, Ill.

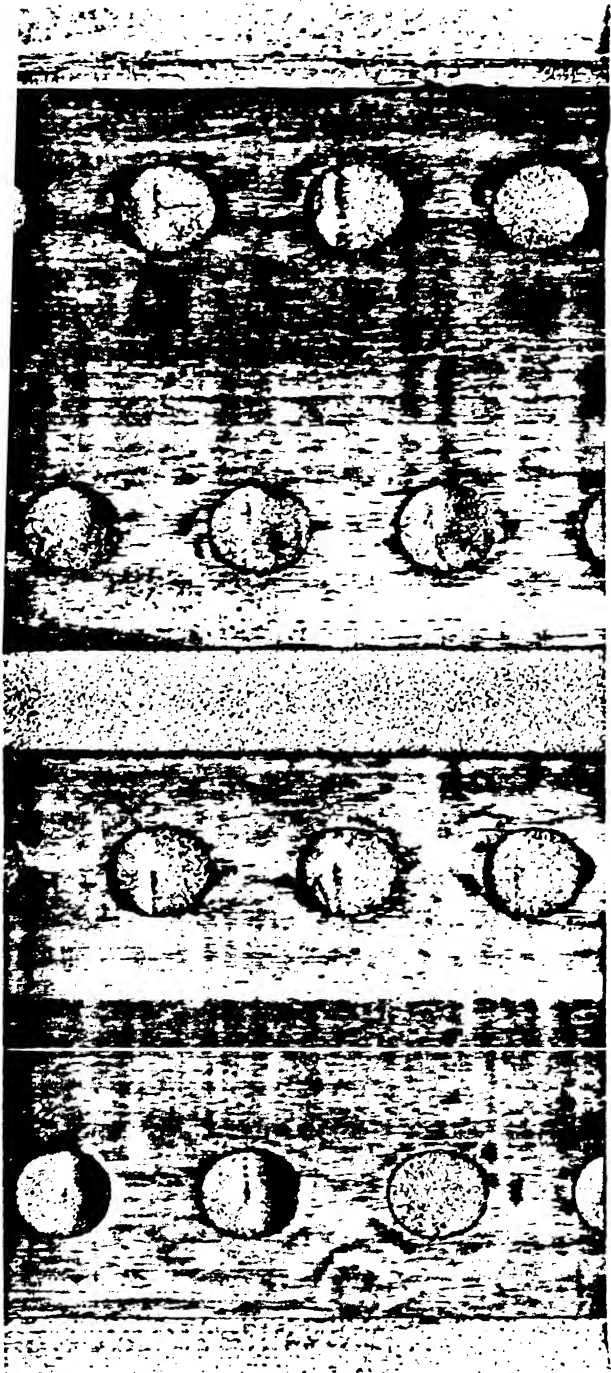
1. No
2. No
3. ———
4. None
5. Several whistles.
6. No
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No.



Round Lake, Ill.

1. No
2. No
3. —
4. 12 noon daily, and 6:00 p.m. Thursday.
5. None
6. Catholic church 8, 12 and 6 daily.
7. Yes.
8. Yes
9. No.

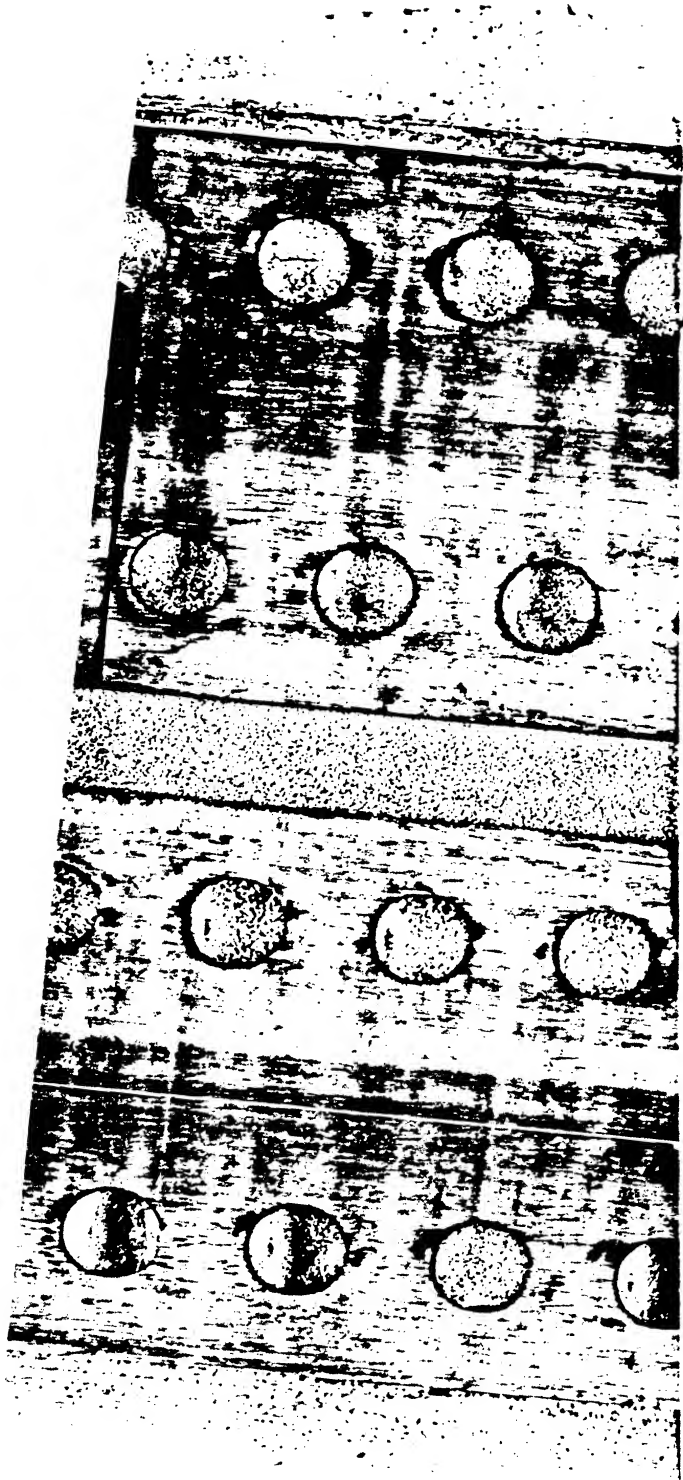




Wauconda, Ill.

1. No
2. No
3. -----
4. on Sat noon only
5. None
6. None
7. No Railroad.
8. Yes.
9. No.





Zion, Ill.

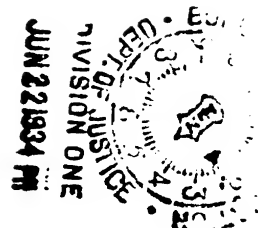
1. No
2. No
3. ---
4. only for fires
5. 6,7,8,12,5.
6. 9:00 P.M.
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No.

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
June 19, 1934

SAS:GEM  
62-456  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.



Re: **VERNON C. MILLER** with aliases, deceased;  
**RICHARD TALAMAN GALATAS** with aliases -  
**FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD**  
with aliases - **FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194; et al**  
**Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.**  
and  
**ALVIN KARPIS** with aliases, I.O. #1218;  
**ARTHUR H. BARTER** with aliases, I.O. #1219;  
**EDWARD GEORGE BREMER** - Victim;  
**Kidnaping.**

Dear Sir:

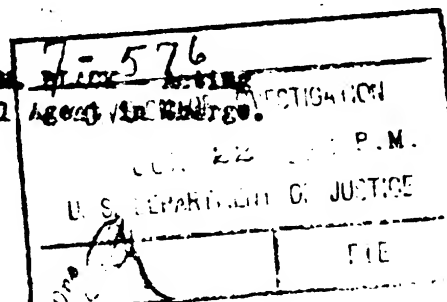
Reference is made to your letter dated June 18, 1934 con-  
cerning Cadillac Sedan, Motor #1001172. From inquiry made at the  
Oklahoma State Highway Commission, it was ascertained that the afore-  
said automobile has not been registered in the State of Oklahoma during  
the year 1934.

A copy of reference letter is being transmitted with copies  
of this letter to the Little Rock office in order that that office may  
give appropriate attention to the leads suggested therein.

Very truly yours,

cc - Division - 2  
St. Paul - 2  
Kansas City - 2  
Little Rock - 2

EARLE M. BLACK - Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.



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June 19, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Room 1403, 370 Lexington Avenue,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:      In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1218;  
                     ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O.  
                     1219; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
                     KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

On May 2, 1934, the apartment of Roy Gray  
alias Slim alias Russell Gibson alias "Rusty" Gibson  
at 626 Waveland Avenue, was carefully inspected by  
Agents from this office. During the course of the  
search a .25 calibre Colt automatic revolver, bearing  
serial No. 327502, was found.

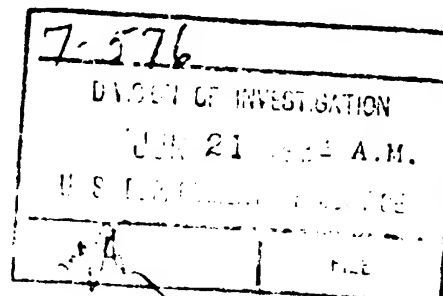
It is respectfully requested that this gun  
be traced through the Colt factory at Hartford, Con-  
necticut and the results furnished to this office.

Very truly yours,

S. P. CONLEY.

KFM:MC

cc-Division  
St. Paul



Post Office Box 5118  
Detroit, Michigan  
June 19, 1934



Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 1766  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, deceased;  
RICHARD TALIMAN with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1201; CHARLES ANTON  
FLOYD with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1194;  
et al - OXENBURY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL  
PRISONER -  
and  
ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR B. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim; KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith copies of a letter received from the Chicago Office addressed to the Kansas City Office over the signature of Mr. S. F. Conley.

You will note that it requests therein that the Title Division of the Secretary of State's office at Columbus, Ohio be contacted to ascertain whether the car discussed before is or ever was registered in that state. Inasmuch as the Motor Vehicle Registration Department for the State of Ohio is located at Columbus, it is respectfully requested that you contact said agency at Columbus for the information desired in said letter.

For your information, the Title Division in the office of the Secretary of State, Lansing, Michigan has been checked and Cadillac sedans bearing motor numbers set forth in Mr. Conley's letter have never been registered in the State of Michigan.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

3-5118

cc - Division (2)  
Chicago (2)  
Kansas City (2)  
St. Paul (2)

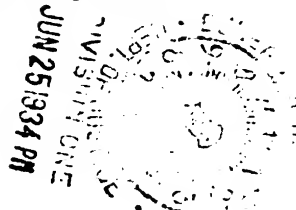
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Room 1300 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois.

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June 21, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
232 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.



Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, Kidnapping,  
File No. 7-82.

I am enclosing herewith 5 x 8 cards showing result of the investigation conducted by Special Agent J. H. Rice of this office at Milwaukee. This investigation was conducted over the telephone and inquiry was made of either the chief operator or some prominent local official in each of the towns noted. I am sending you cards containing investigation of the following counties in Wisconsin: Brown, Keweenaw, Waupaca, Outagamie, and Calumet.

No results have been secured to date as a result of these telephone calls.

I am also enclosing a copy of the above mentioned cards for the Division.

You will note that a tenth answer has been noted in the above mentioned cards. This is an answer to the question, "Does your town have a public water and sanitary system?"

Very truly yours,

RM:CEB

CC - Division

*Circle 10*

M. E. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge.

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